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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Open Mind On Russia

MR Churchill's watchful attitude to the Soviet peace offensive is in keeping with the requirements of the moment. He has anything but "sold himself" on the new overtures and gestures which have come from the Kremlin, yet he is not out of place in pleading that "nothing be said here (the House of Commons) or elsewhere that will check or chill the processes of good-will which may be at work." Russia has still to reveal the full meaning of her dove-like approach to a number of subjects which she, through past behaviour, has allowed to clog international relations. Are they merely empty words and deceptive signs, or do they prefigure an entirely new line of long-term policy designed to assist in the creation of a more peaceful world? It is easy to hope for too much, and just as simple to underestimate the import of the latest developments. Mr Churchill is keeping an open, but also receptive mind, and none can mistake the significance of his expressed hope that in due course it will be possible to open "conversations on the highest levels" between some of the principal Powers.

FOR the present Russia appears to be endeavouring to create goodwill through her satellites. Thus the Chinese Communists and North Koreans have made possible the exchange of sick and wounded prisoners of war and have ruled new possibilities of a full Korean War armistice: it was the Poles who dropped their contentious resolution in the United Nations and allowed the Brazilian motion on Korea to go to the vote and be adopted without dissent; now it is the East German Parliament which is making overtures to the House of Commons concerning a Four-Power conference to find a settlement of the German dispute. The problem of the future of Germany is, perhaps, the most important of the many outstanding issues between the West and East. Russia has not yet answered the last notes sent to her by the Western Powers regarding German unification and a German peace treaty. And she could now, very easily, present a poser by agreeing to the West's conditions for free elections in Germany by laying down that the European Defence Community pact be abrogated. Even assuming Russia's intentions in the peace offensive are honourable and sincere, she will almost assuredly insist upon achieving some bargaining before she makes any major concessions.

Burma Crisis: Three Resolutions Now Before UN DISARMING OF CHINESE TROOPS PROPOSED

United Nations, Apr. 21

Mexico today submitted a resolution in the United Nations, calling upon 12,000 Chinese Nationalist irregulars in Burma to submit to disarmament and agree to internment or to leave the country immediately. The Mexican resolution, submitted to the General Assembly's Political Committee, "deplores" the presence of the Formosan forces in Burma and "condemns their hostile acts".

It does not, however, include a denunciation of Chiang Kai-shek's government as aggressors, a step demanded by Burma in bringing the complaint to the United Nations. It was the third resolution on the Sino-Burmese problem to go before the Committee. The first was Burma's own measure calling upon the Security Council to brand the Formosan government as aggressors and to take steps to remove the war from its jungles. The second, submitted this morning, was an Argentine measure recognising the presence of the Army in Burma as a "threat to international peace and security" and urging the Burmese and Chinese to negotiate a settlement.

The Mexican resolution urges all governments to afford the government of the Union of Burma all the assistance in their power to facilitate by peaceful means the evacuation of these forces from Burma and to refrain "from furnishing any assistance to these forces which may enable them to continue their hostile acts against Burma".

SUPPORTS DEMAND

Mr Kuzma Kiselev of Byelorussia said he supported Burma's demand that Nationalist China be declared an aggressor and accused the Formosan regime of giving General Li Mi supplies. His speech was reminiscent of that made yesterday by Mr Georgi Zarubin of Russia and, like Mr Zarubin, he repeated earlier Kremlin charges of United States complicity in the situation. But he brought in a new element by accusing neighbouring Thailand of supplying Li Mi's forces with money, arms and textiles.

Mr Iben Bakr of Iraq supported the Burmese position, while Mr David Johnson of Canada appealed to Burma to delete those parts of her resolution proposing condemnation of the Formosan government. Mr Johnson said Burma would contribute to a peaceful withdrawal of the irregulars if she agreed to modify her proposal. Mr Ahmed Bokhari of Pakistan said that, although the Argentine resolution was well received, it fell somewhat short of what he wanted to see because it omitted a direct condemnation of Li Mi's troops. But Mr Bokhari, one of the prime movers of the compromise, did not advocate condemnation of the Chinese Nationalist government, as had been asked by Burma.

He said that, while it was understandable that there might be sympathies in various quarters for Li Mi's troops refusing to accept the Communist rule on the Chinese mainland, the United Nations should not overlook the "pure, factual and moral situation, which is that the territory of Burma has been infringed on by troops which are foreign to Burma."

Mr Bokhari said that the Burmese government "would have been in great difficulty if it had not tried to arouse the world conscience to this situation". He said it appeared that the Formosan government was in a position to help settle the problem and asked that the Nationalist delegate, Dr T. F. Tsiang, to tell the Assembly "in stronger words" that it intended to do so.

The United States, meanwhile, said it would continue "as long as both sides want it" its efforts to settle the dispute.

The United States delegate, Mr Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., told the Committee this morning that Washington believed the strong language of the Burmese demand would be "likely to retard rather than promote the agreement needed".

Mr Lodge said the United States had engaged in a "vigorous effort" to negotiate between Burma and Nationalist China—those governments do not maintain relations—for the removal of the irregulars.

THE SOLUTION

He said the United States believed the solution would be for the Formosan government to order Li Mi's forces to withdraw from Burma, ceasing hostilities and submitting to disarmament.

"We believe that progress has been made and that tangible results will be forthcoming," said Mr Lodge. "We are in constant contact with both sides and our efforts will continue as long as both sides want it."

He said the United States would study "with sympathetic interest" the compromise resolution submitted by Argentina. Dr Enrique Ferrer Viqueira, presenting the Argentine resolution, said he believed that if the Formosan government ordered the withdrawal of the troops, "there is a great chance they will be successful".

Mr Lodge said it might not be possible to force evacuation of all of the army, but "we hope that if present negotiations are successful a substantial number can be induced to leave Burma, thus reducing the problem to manageable proportions for Burma."—United Press.

CLASH WITH REBELS

Rangoon, Apr. 21. Rocket firing guns are reported to have been used by Karen rebels in a big clash with Burmese government forces near Thabon, 40 miles north of Moulmein.

Unofficial but reliable reports said the government forces killed 250 of the rebels and wounded 300. The clash was one of several at the week-end. In some cases government troops guard the rubber plantations in the area were forced to evacuate their positions because of the heavy odds against them. The Karens are reported to have thrown in fresh reinforcements with each attack. The attacks took place at the same time as the Chinese guerrilla attacks reported yesterday on the Moulmein-Kawakare highway. The Burma War Office announced today that government troops are now "mopping up" along the highway and have killed 71 Chinese so far.—Associated Press.

OBJECTIONS TO CIVIC WELCOME FOR JAPANESE CROWN PRINCE



PRINCE AKIHITO

Newcastle-on-Tyne, Apr. 21. The Labour minority on the city council here will try to persuade the Lord Mayor tomorrow to cancel a civic welcome arranged for Crown Prince Akihito of Japan on May 12.

Leader of the Socialists, Councillor I. D. Smith will ask at a Council meeting "In view of the widespread opposition to the Japanese monarchy for the part they played in the recent war will the Lord Mayor reconsider his decision to give a civic reception to the Crown Prince of Japan?"

The Lord Mayor—who is a woman—Alderman Mrs Violet Grantham—will give a considered reply. But if it does not satisfy the Labour Opposition they will try to force a debate on the matter.

Main protests here at the plans for a civic welcome have come in newspaper letters from former prisoners of war.

The expense of the welcome, less than £50 has been approved by the Council's Finance Committee.

Councillor P. H. Edwards, a member of this Committee, and a leader of the anti-Socialists said today we took it that here was a foreign representative of some standing coming to the city and that it was ordinary courtesy that civic hospitality should be extended to him.

"He is coming to Britain for the Coronation and why should Newcastle take up a different attitude from the British Royal Household? If the Crown Prince is good enough to be a guest of our Royal Family at the Coronation he is good enough for Newcastle."

"At the Finance Committee meeting which approved the civic welcome all the Labour members were not present—some of them were and there was no dissent from them."

"As a matter of fact it seems to me that when the Crown Prince is in the district for so long it would surely be helpful to him to see what a Democratic city like Newcastle is doing."

The controversy over the civic welcome to the Crown Prince is confined to Newcastle. National Labour Party leaders are keeping out of it and would not make any comment today.

The decision to press the Lord Mayor to cancel the welcome was taken at a three-hour meeting of the Newcastle Labour Group last night.

After it Councillor Smith made this statement: "We are shocked and indignant to learn of the impending arrival in this city of the Crown Prince of Japan and that it is intended to afford him civic honours."

The ordinary people of Newcastle are rightly making it clear that they do not want to witness the spectacle of their civic leaders bowing to one whose family and class only a short time ago turned half the world into a living hell.—Reuter.

Labour's policy for the next election will be a moderate one, including the maintenance of high taxation on, and an extension of public ownership, he forecast at a conference organised by a university international committee.

Some increase in social services was likely but it would depend on an increase in the nation's wealth.

Mr Parker said that while no one wanted all industry to be publicly owned there was a feeling in Labour circles that all large-scale industries should be taken over by the state.—Reuter.

Trading Firm's Office

London, Apr. 21. A London trading firm and a company director were fined here today for contravening government regulation aimed at preventing strategic goods going to "undesired destinations."

The company was today fined £250 with £62 costs for disposing of the lead without the authority of a Board of Trade licence.

Mr Benedikt was fined £500 with £105 costs for aiding and abetting the company in the offence. Prosecuting Counsel said there was no suggestion that either of the defendants knew the goods were going behind the Iron Curtain.—Reuter.

New Soviet Move Arouses Big Interest

(From William Hamacher)

Berlin, Apr. 21. Expectations of a new Soviet move on Germany leaped here tonight with the recall to Moscow of Vladimir Seminov, Soviet political adviser in Germany.

It is thought Seminov may be going back to work on the Russians' final brief for four-power talks, with Germany as the central theme.

The next step may be the departure for Moscow of General Vassili Chulikov who has been Soviet Commander in Germany for over four years and also boss of the Control Commission. His recall, Western observers believe, might be the next and final signal that the Russians are ready with their new approach on Germany.

General Chulikov's recall would leave Seminov's successor in Berlin, Pavel Judin, as spokesman of the Seminov line.—London Express Service.

SEEN AS PRELUDE

Moscow's announcement today that Professor Pavel Fedorovich Yudin, the Soviet Communist Party's philosopher, has been made political adviser to the Soviet Control Commission in Germany, was viewed by Allied officials here as a prelude to eventual Four-Power talks on Germany.

The Moscow announcement said that Professor Yudin will succeed "old" Vladimir Seminov, who has been transferred to another post. He held the appointment for more than seven years.

Professor Yudin, a full member of the Soviet Communist Central Committee, edited the Communist journal and is an authority on Communist ideology.

Mr Seminov is regarded by Allied officials here as one of the most remarkable Soviet diplomats and a man who wielded great political influence in East Germany. He mingled freely with Western as well as Eastern diplomats and for this reason he stood out from his more reserved colleagues.—Reuter.

YOSHIDA GAINS MORE SEATS

Tokyo, Apr. 21. The strength of Premier Shigeru Yoshida's Liberals in the House of Representatives went over the 200 mark today.

Two Diet members elected on Sunday as Independents have joined the Party, the Liberal Party Headquarters announced. The next Diet will meet on April 25.—United Press.

First UN Prisoners To Win Freedom



These two pictures of the exchange of sick and wounded Korea War prisoners (the first received in Hongkong) arrived by air from Tokyo this morning. Top shows a UN soldier bandaged up on a stretcher being carried to a waiting ambulance after his release by the Communists, and above, Pfc Kirchenhausen, the first American to be exchanged, walking from the Communist ambulance which took him to Panmunjom. He is wearing a Chinese uniform and holds a blanket and a box.—AP Photographs.

Socialists Have Eyes On The Pools

Oxford, Apr. 21.

The next Socialist government in Britain will probably take over the big privately run football pools and possibly the whole of the drinks industry, to help pay for social services, Mr John Parker, Labour member of Parliament, said here today.

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VIETMINH BLOW UP AMMUNITION DEPOT

Hanoi, Apr. 21. Communist-led Vietminh troops raided and blew up a big French Union forces ammunition depot at Kienan early today.

The Kienan base was recently completed and it has the only airstrip in all Indo-China capable of accommodating jet aircraft.

Five groups of Vietminh soldiers attacked the Vietnamese local guards in the little village of Kienan, about six miles southeast of the Tonkin Gulf port city of Haiphong. The area is about 64 miles east of Hanoi.

The Vietminh used dynamite charges to blow up munitions storage places. They were reported to have taken scores of

Vietnamese prisoners, possibly 200, before fleeing from Kienan. A late report said 30 French soldiers were killed during the Vietminh attack and subsequent explosions.

Bursting shells and munitions of various types continued to rock Haiphong for hours early today.

This was the first big Vietminh attack in the Haiphong area in three years. Haiphong is the port and rail head for supplies bound for Hanoi and the perimeter of French defences in the strategic Red River Delta area.—Associated Press.

Three Children Awarded £32,500 Damages

London, Apr. 21. The heaviest damages ever awarded in an English court—£32,500—went today to the three children of an American couple killed in an air crash near Coventry four years ago.

Mr and Mrs Joseph Michaels were killed when two planes collided in mid-air. Their children, Joseph 25, Barbara 22 and Stephen 10, claimed against the Air Ministry which admitted liability.

Mr H. A. Shawcross, Queen's Counsel, former British Labour Attorney-General, appeared for the children. He told Mr Justice Cassels in the High Court that "this is a case which is especially tragic and the amount is, I think, the largest ever awarded in an English court in a case of this kind."

Joseph and Barbara were awarded about £13,000 each and Stephen, who is mentally retarded, about £5,000.

Sir Hartley Shawcross told the court that Mr Michaels was a director of an old established family business in the steel and scrap trade.

His gross income for the year before his death was about £25,000, by now Mr Michaels would have been a "millionaire," Sir Hartley said.—Reuter.

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Walt Disney's Gesture To Sick Children

Walt Disney seen at London Airport with Junior Red Cross members to whom he gave toys for the sick and crippled kiddies of Middlesex. Mr. Disney flew to Britain for the premiere of his latest colour cartoon, Peter Pan, at Leicester Square Theatre. — Central Press Photo.

Famine Danger In Pakistan

Washington, Apr. 21. Mr. Stanley Andrews, director of the Technical Corporation Administration (TCA), said today that Pakistan needs an assurance now of getting enough wheat by autumn to head off a famine. He estimated that Pakistan would need 300,000 to 500,000 tons of wheat from the dollar area to carry it through the autumn and winter because of its lean harvest. That would cost \$30,000,000 to \$50,000,000, he added. Mr. Andrews expressed these views to a reporter in amplifying his remarks before the Senate Agriculture Committee that Congress would probably be asked for assistance to make such purchases possible. — United Press.

GESTURE TO BRITISH MINISTER

Budapest, Apr. 21. Britain's Minister to Hungary, Sir Robert Hainey, got a rare permit from the Hungarian Government to journey 75 miles from Budapest on a sightseeing jaunt last Sunday. The British envoy disclosed today.

Sir Robert has been British Minister here since June 1951, but this is the first time his application to visit Lake Balaton, Central Europe's biggest lake, had been granted.

"It represents a most welcome relaxation," the British diplomat said, "it was a charming trip to a famous beauty spot."

Foreign diplomats are restricted to a 30-kilometre perimeter around the Hungarian capital in January 1951. Lake Balaton is about 75 miles southwest of Budapest. Similar restrictions are in force in Rumania and Bulgaria.

The Minister was accompanied on the trip by his wife and their two sons. — Associated Press.

Japanese Firm Tenders Bid

Sydney, Apr. 21. A big Japanese firm will compete against more than a dozen countries, including Britain, for contracts to supply turbines and generators for Australia's huge Snowy Mountains hydro-electric project.

The firm, Hitachi Limited, tendered to supply 100 10,000-horsepower capacity turbines and generators, the firm's representative said tonight.

The contract would be worth several million pounds. The Japanese tender was an effort to balance trade with Australia which in the past two years has been on a top-heavy basis with Japan buying far more than Australia. — Reuters.

Queen Planning Post-Coronation Travel Schedule

London, Apr. 21.

Queen Elizabeth is already planning a great schedule of travel to follow her Coronation.

At the end of the year, she will fly from London to the West Indies for her visit to Jamaica and Bermuda. From there, she sails for the Pacific, New Zealand and Australia, and Ceylon.

It is expected that in 1954 she will try to pay at least one State visit to Europe. The Queen has frequently expressed her desire to visit most of the countries of the world and only the increasing duties of her office are cutting down her journeys.

But the possibility that Britain's close to the speed of sound jet aircraft will soon be available in passenger-carrying versions is hastening the day when the Queen's Flight, now equipped with piston-engined aircraft, will be carrying her between the various countries of the Commonwealth and the rest of the world at much higher speeds.

Many members of the Royal Family have already tested the restfulness of jet flight—the Duke of Edinburgh, Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, and Princess Margaret have all flown in the Comet and declared that the experience was wonderful. The Queen may decide to fly in it sometime this year.

In planning to travel widely, especially in the Commonwealth, Queen Elizabeth is following the example set by her ancestors. It was the first Queen Elizabeth who made the Royal tour popular. "Nothing so pleasant as the peace and pleasantness and affability of their prince," she said. And even in those days of difficult and slow travel, she made constant journeys, or progresses as they were then called, through the West Country and the Midlands. Even Queen Elizabeth I was only reviving a mediaeval custom of sovereigns who visited the manors of their liegemen in turn and lived on them.

FIRST IN 1822
The Queen will visit Scotland, Wales and Ireland immediately following her Coronation on June 2. The custom of visiting Scotland was started only by George IV, in 1822, and on that great visit the Duke of Argyll and St. Sebastian at Bruges since 1048. She has also been a member of the Yacht Club of France since 1930.

She holds several foreign decorations including the Grand Cross of the Legion d'Honneur, the Order of Elephant of Denmark, the Grand Cross of the Order of the Netherlands Lion, the Order of the Ojaswi Rajanya of Nepal and of the Order of El Kanak of Egypt. There will no doubt be many additions to these in course of time, making the increasing contact which Queen Elizabeth will have with countries overseas. — Reuters.

India's Coal Exports

New Delhi, Apr. 21.

India exported 841,799 tons of metallurgical coal during 1952, Commerce Minister T. T. Krishnamachari told a question in Parliament.

He listed Japan, Burma, East Africa, South Korea, and Pakistan as importing countries. — Associated Press.

Dutch Mission To Go**Agreement Reached With Indonesia**

Djakarta, Apr. 21. Discussions on the liquidation of the Dutch Military Mission in Indonesia by the end of this year ended here today with the signing of an agreement which will now go to the respective governments for ratification.

The agreement provides for liquidation of the 852-man Mission by December 31, except for about 30 Naval personnel who are only able to finish their current training programme at the Sourabaya Naval Base after that date.

The liquidation programme will be carried out in stages by a Committee headed by the Indonesian Defence Minister and the Mission's chief, or their representatives.

The agreement also contains provisions covering finances and materials. It stipulates that the mission's expenditures as from February 1 will be based on the 1953 budget previously submitted to the Defence Minister. Money needed can be drawn before every three-month period from that date.

The Indonesian government agrees to carry the travel costs of the departing mission personnel and their dependents, but travel expenses inside Indonesia will be taken from the Mission's 1953 budget.

GIVES HOPE
The talks began on March 26. The Indonesian delegation chairman, H. Abdulgan, in his closing speech today, expressed appreciation and gratitude for the mutual understanding and amiable atmosphere surrounding the whole talks.

He said agreement had been reached through the willingness of both sides.

In essence, he said, the Mission's liquidation meant the end of one of the various aspects of the roundtable agreement. The manner and spirit of the liquidation agreement, he said, "has given us hope and opened possibilities for a settlement (of other interests) in the future."

This may mean Indonesia still intends to negotiate with Holland on other aspects of the roundtable agreement, which is not popular here.

At the head of the list of other points is the inclusion of Dutch Western New Guinea in Indonesian territory. The Dutch delegation chairman, Baron G. van IJzendoorn, replying to Abdulgan, said he was convinced his government will ratify the liquidation agreement. He added he also hoped future Dutch-Indonesian negotiations might also be carried out in the same atmosphere as the just concluded. — Associated Press.

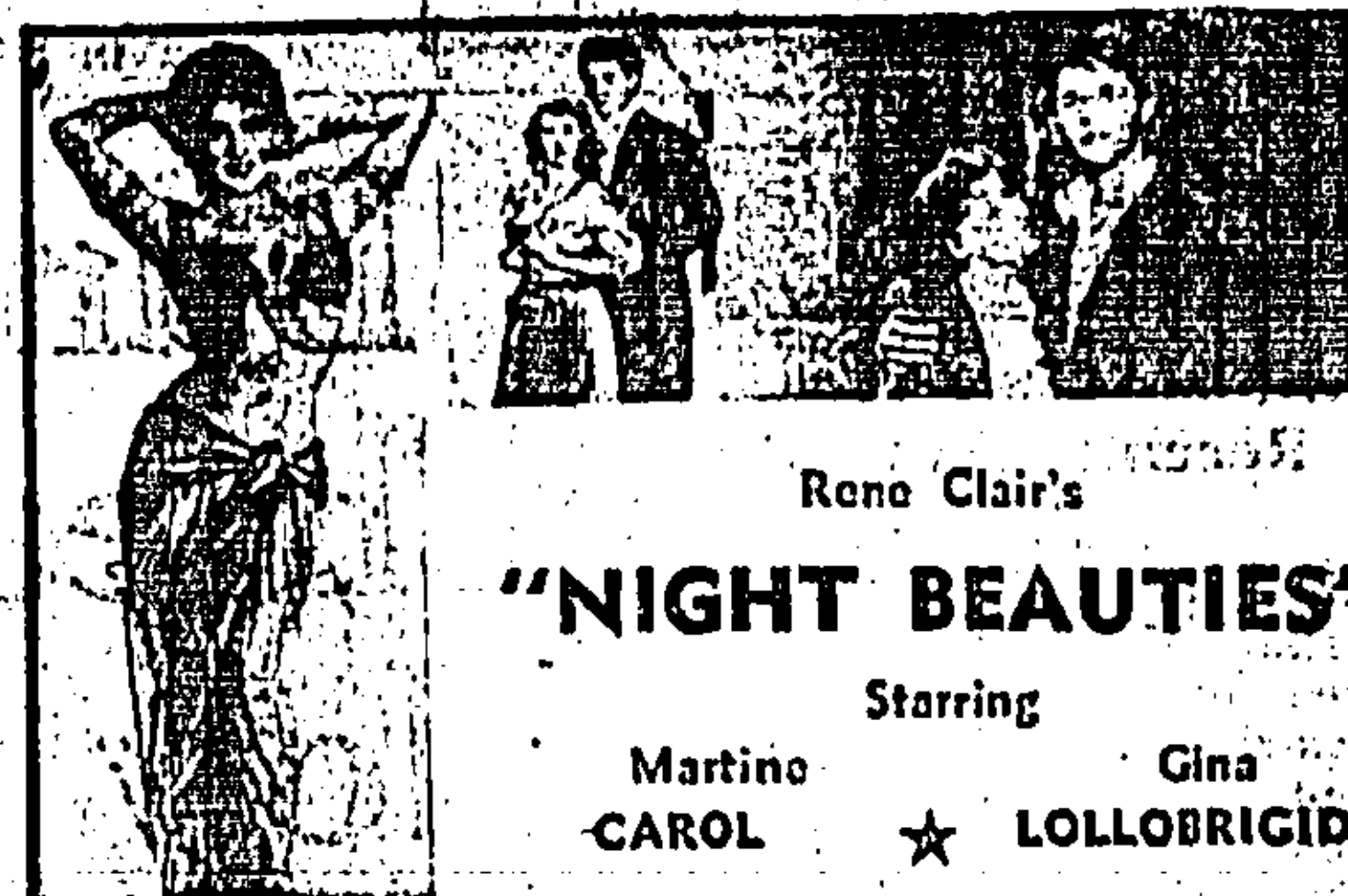
Caffery Leaves Cairo On Holiday

Cairo, Apr. 21. U.S. Ambassador Jefferson Caffery is flying to Izmil, Turkey, on Wednesday morning for a short holiday, an Embassy spokesman said tonight.

Mr. Caffery will go by a U.S. Navy plane. He is due to return on Sunday on the eve of the Anglo-Egyptian negotiations over the evacuation of British troops from the Canal Zone. The negotiations will open on Monday, April 27.

The announcement of Mr. Caffery's departure came on the heels of his meeting with General Sir Brian Robertson, Commander-in-Chief of the British Middle East Land Forces, this afternoon.

Officials at the British and U.S. Embassies so far have declined to comment on the subject discussed. Earlier Sir Brian met Egypt's Foreign Minister, Mahmoud Fawzy, Premier Naguib and the British Ambassador, Sir Ralph Stevenson. — Associated Press.

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Defence Planning Not Affected By Soviet Moves

RUSSIAN MAY DAY SLOGANS

Milder Than In Recent Years

London, Apr. 21. High up on the list of Russian May Day slogans issued tonight—all of them markedly milder than in recent years—is one which stated:

"There is no controversial issue which cannot be settled by peaceful means on the basis of mutual understanding between interested countries."

This slogan, broadcast by Moscow Radio tonight, followed one hailing "peace among the Nations". The foreign policy of the Soviet Union is hailed in a special slogan which describes it as: "The consequent policy of safeguarding and preserving peace, the struggle against the preparation and unleashing of a new war, the policy of international co-operation and of the development of business-like relations with all countries." (The slogan on Soviet foreign policy last year described it merely as a "policy of peace and security, equality and friendship of the people.")

Pride of place is given in the slogans to a tribute to friendship of the British, American and Soviet peoples.

The wording of this slogan has now been changed.

"Long live the friendship of the peoples of Great Britain, the United States of America and the Soviet Union in their struggle to prevent war and ensure lasting peace in the world."—Reuter.

Spy Suspects Released

Karlsruhe, Apr. 21. The West German Supreme Federal Court announced today that five men arrested on a charge of being members of an alleged Soviet spy ring had been released.

They were among 39 people arrested earlier, this month, in the roundup of what the West German Government's Vice-Chancellor Herr Franz Blücher, described as the "biggest Soviet spy ring uncovered since the war."

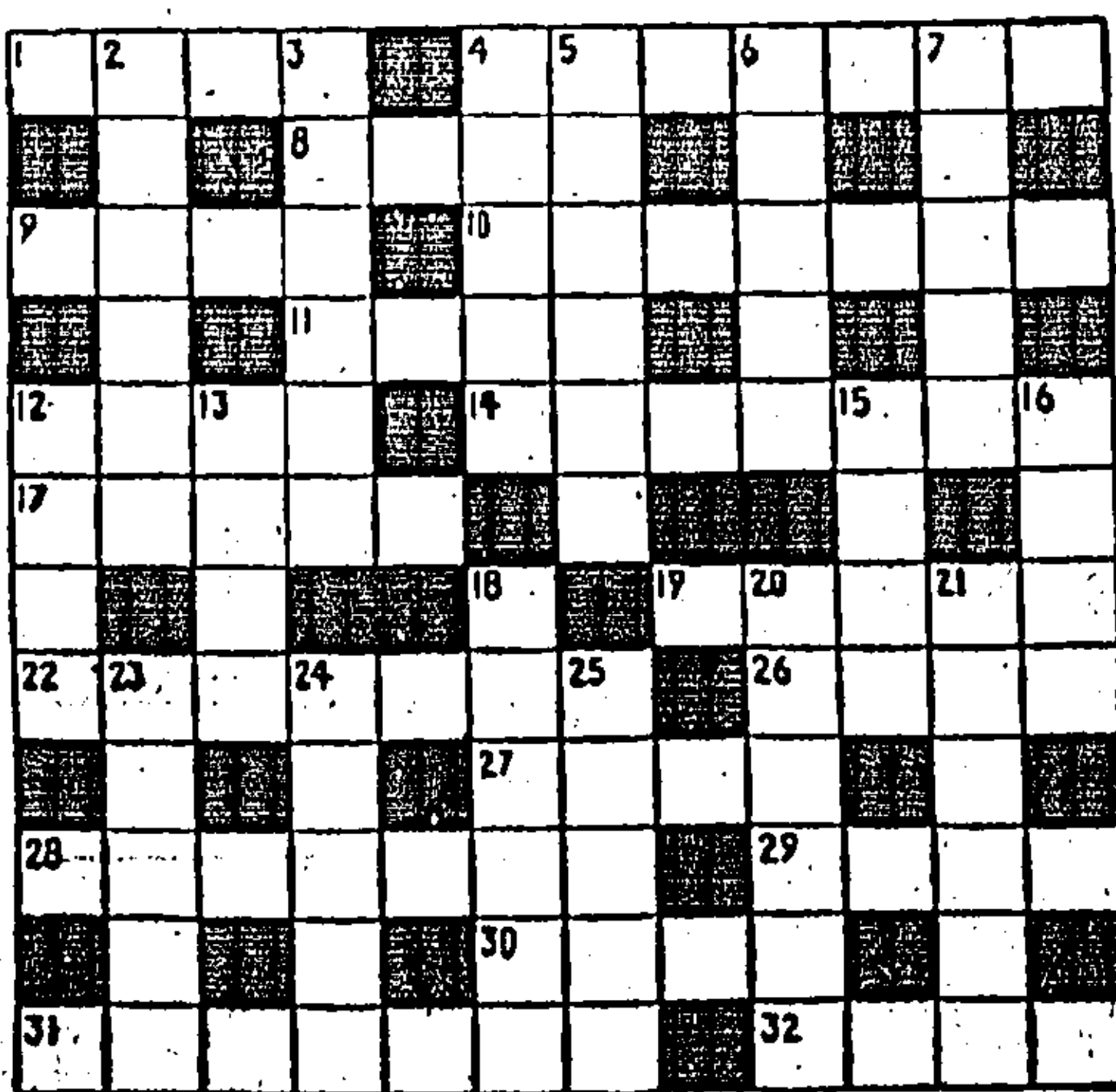
One of those arrested committed suicide in prison.—Reuter.

New U.S. Envoy

Washington, Apr. 21. Mr. Horace A. Hildreth, President of Bucknell University and former Governor of Maine, is President Eisenhower's choice to be United States Ambassador to Pakistan, informed sources said today.

He will succeed Mr. Avra M. Warren.—United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Cut short (4).
 - Scatters (7).
 - Legal right (4).
 - Mineral (4).
 - Accumulated (7).
 - Festival (4).
 - Dandy (4).
 - Future knowledge (7).
 - Flower (5).
 - Confused light (5).
 - Specimens (7).
 - Opening (4).
 - Wickedness (4).
 - Swollen (7).
 - Cosy corner (4).
 - Repose (4).
 - Abandon (7).
 - Cash off (4).
- DOWN**
- Lifts (6).
 - Postponed (6).
 - Distributes (5).
 - Resident (6).
 - Struck an attitude (5).
 - Vassal (5).
 - Particle (4).
 - Lazy (4).
 - Animal fat (4).
 - Go back to (6).
 - Happenings (6).
 - Request for more (6).
 - Spy (5).
 - Freedom from strife (6).
 - Teams (5).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1. Appeal, 5. Larch, 8. River, 9. Gossip, 10. Vogue, 11. Dozen, 12. Maps, 13. Head, 14. Street, 15. Repeat, 20. Total, 22. Boss, 23. Sifts, 24. Plain, 25. Lounge, 27. Ether, 28. Sings, 29. Senses. Down: 1. Argument, 2. Passport, 3. And, 4. Riposte, 5. Leveret, 6. Aches, 7. Crust, 14. Acquaint, 15. Musketeer, 16. Sings, 17. Battles, 18. Easter, 21. Overt, 24. Bore.

Training For Royal Tournament



Expressions show that every man is pulling his weight as Portsmouth Command field gun crew race uphill with a gun limber during practice at H.M.S. Excellent, Whale Island, Portsmouth, for the Royal Naval Field Gun Competition at the Royal Tournament, Earl's Court, London, in June. In background is the Royal yacht Victoria and Albert, soon to be scrapped.—Reuterphoto.

Missionaries In India Warned By Government

New Delhi, Apr. 21.

Foreign missionaries working in India have been told officially they should not indulge in any conversion activities, Home Minister Kailas Nath Katju announced in Parliament today.

He was replying to questioners in the Lower Chamber who asked if the government was aware that some foreign missionaries working in the Sarguja and Bilaspur districts of the Madhya Pradesh State have continued converting to Christianity local untouchables and hill tribes "through monetary temptations and threatenings."

Katju replied that the government had received the first reports of such conversions but he was unable to give any details.

He added that the government already had taken up the matter and requested Parliament members "in the public interest not to press me too far now for further information."

Replying to questioners, he said the government had not received complaints that any Hindu temples in those areas were being turned into churches.

This is the "second time the same question has been raised in Parliament within a week."

Replying to a similar question to the Upper Chamber on April 16, Katju made these points:

MADE CLEAR

1. India is a secular state and therefore every Indian is free to propagate his religion but "the government does not want foreign missionaries to come to undertake evangelical work and the sooner they stop it the better."

2. Sixty-five Catholic societies and 50 Protestant societies are at present working in India. Since April, 1951, four American and one British Christian societies have sought permission to work in India. The request of one has already been rejected and the other four are under consideration. The names of the societies have not been given "in the public interest."

3. The government maintains no agency to supervise and scrutinize the work of the foreign missionaries on Indian soil but "we keep an eye on everyone."

Foreign missionaries are always welcome to India to do social, educational, medical and other work but they should not take part in political or conversion activities and "if any missionary breaks this undertaking he acts in a very reprehensible manner and that has been made quite clear to them."—Associated Press.

AMERICAN TRIED IN MOROCCO

Casablanca, Apr. 21. A United States Air Force Sergeant, Ernest Duhan, 45, went on trial today before a French tribunal on charges of stabbing two Moroccans, one of whom later died in hospital.

Duhan, who has no fixed domicile but has been with the Air Force in various countries during his 23 years of service, pleaded innocent.

The public prosecutor said that during a brawl on September 13, 1952, in Casablanca's Bousbir district, Duhan stabbed two Moroccans to escape an angry mob.

The prosecutor added that Mohammed Ben Abdesslem was hit in the stomach and later died in a hospital.

Another man, Chaitouli Ben Mohammed, was hit slightly in the chest.

Duhan admitted that he had been involved in a fight but claimed that he had not used a knife to defend himself.

The court was expected to render its verdict tonight.—United Press.

Turkish Sailors' British Visit

London, Apr. 21. The Turkish naval training ship Savorona will visit Britain over the week-end—the first to call since Turkey became a Republic in 1923.

The Savorona, carrying 71 midshipmen and 132 officers and other ratings, is due at Dover on Friday morning. The Turkish sailors will tour the Royal Naval colleges at Greenwich and Dartmouth before leaving on Tuesday.—Associated Press.

India Gets Share

New Delhi, Apr. 21. India's share of German reparations includes 10,431 items of general purpose machinery, tools and other industrial capital equipment, official sources said. No plan was made for reparations from Japan.—Associated Press.

Mohammed Ali's Message To Indian Premier

New Delhi, Apr. 21.

Mr Mohammed Ali, the new Prime Minister of Pakistan, exchanged greetings today with Mr Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister.

In his message Mr Ali said he wished to assure Mr Nehru that it would be his Government's earnest endeavour to promote friendly relations between the two countries.

Mr Nehru in reply said he believed that relations between India and Pakistan should be friendly and co-operative and that they should solve their problems in that spirit.—Reuter.

McCARTHY SNOOPERS TO REPORT

New York, Apr. 21.

Mr Roy Cohn and Mr David Schine, Senator McCarthy's travelling investigators, arrived here today after their whirlwind tour of the United States Information Services bureaus of Europe.

Mr Cohn said they would probably go to Washington late today or tomorrow to report informally to Senator McCarthy and members of the Senate investigation subcommittee he heads.

Their final report will not be made until they have received a "mass of documents" being shipped from Europe.

They declared it was "non-sense" that they ever intended to investigate the British Broadcasting Corporation.

What had happened was that several people they saw before they set out on their tour had suggested they met and talked with BBC officials.

Some British papers were making "a mountain out of a molehill."

"But," added Mr Cohn, "I think that was all cleared up yesterday when Mr Schine had a most cordial meeting with several BBC people."—Reuter.

Eisenhower Gives Trade Assurance

Washington, Apr. 21. President Dwight D. Eisenhower has told the League of Women Voters that America must buy more abroad for its own benefit and that of the whole free world.

He set out his views in a letter to the League's President.

"Our leadership in the free world involves upon us a special responsibility to encourage the commerce that can assist so greatly in bringing economic health to all peoples," the President wrote.

"Such commerce, unhampered by needless and excessive barriers, alone can enable the free world to use its manpower, resources and productive facilities with the maximum effectiveness."

The League is a large, non-partisan organization which urges people to vote in elections and circulates political information to its members.

Mr Eisenhower also said he had urged Congress to renew for a year the present reciprocal trade agreements law which permits lowering of American tariffs and other trade barriers in exchange for similar concessions by other nations.

To Fight Menace Of Locusts

Rome, Apr. 21.

Experts today met at the headquarters here of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation to help fight swarms of locusts gravely threatening an area stretching from French North Africa to Pakistan and India.

So far this year, FAO said, no serious damage to crops had been reported, but should swarms of the voracious insects set out of control, this would be almost inevitable, with consequent loss of foodstuffs.

The experts are members of FAO's Technical Advisory Committee on desert locust control. Their meeting, closed to the public, will last four days.

One important item on their agenda deals with the possibility of expanding strategic reserves of anti-locust equipment, suitable for use and ready to be rushed to any danger point in the vast area hit by the plague.

Recent operations, FAO said, have shown the value of this system. FAO has already spent about \$500,000 on equipment for this purpose.

RADIO EXCHANGE

The Committee will also discuss the development of an international radio exchange of locust information, new developments in control techniques, recent operations by the United States National Locust Control Unit, and long-range planning to prevent any breakdown of control which might result from financial or other causes.

Eleven countries and the East African High Commission already have agreed to help FAO for help in locust control.

The countries are Afghanistan, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Israel, Jordan, Libya, Pakistan, Syria and Turkey. The East African High Commission represents Kenya, Uganda and Tanganyika.

The present meeting of the Advisory Committee follows an emergency conference held at Amman, Jordan, a month ago.

As an immediate result of this conference, locust fighters from Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Turkey and Egypt battled breeding swarms of the insects in the deserts of Northern Saudi Arabia.—Reuter.

NEW SWISS VENTURE

Kathmandu, Apr. 21. M. Marc Eichelberg, a Swiss physicist from Zurich, arrived here today to join the Swiss expedition which is to try to climb the unconquered 26,795-foot Himalayan mountain Dhaulagiri.

M. Eichelberg, who was delayed on his way to India by visa trouble, will fly to Pokhara in Central Nepal, and join the eight-man team at their base camp.

The expedition, which is led by M. Bernhard Lauterburg, is now understood to be seeking a site for a base camp before launching the attack on the mountain.—Reuter.

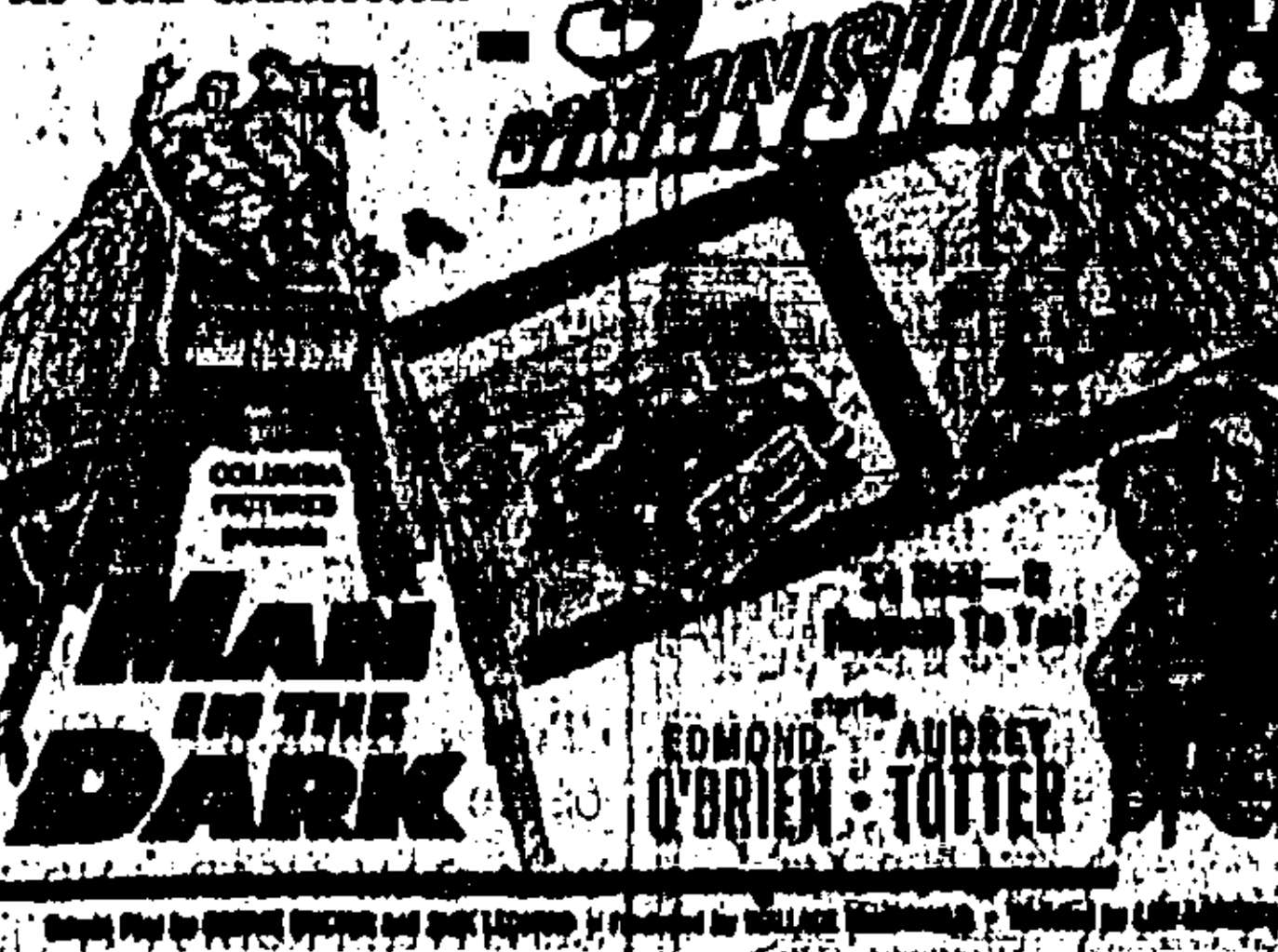
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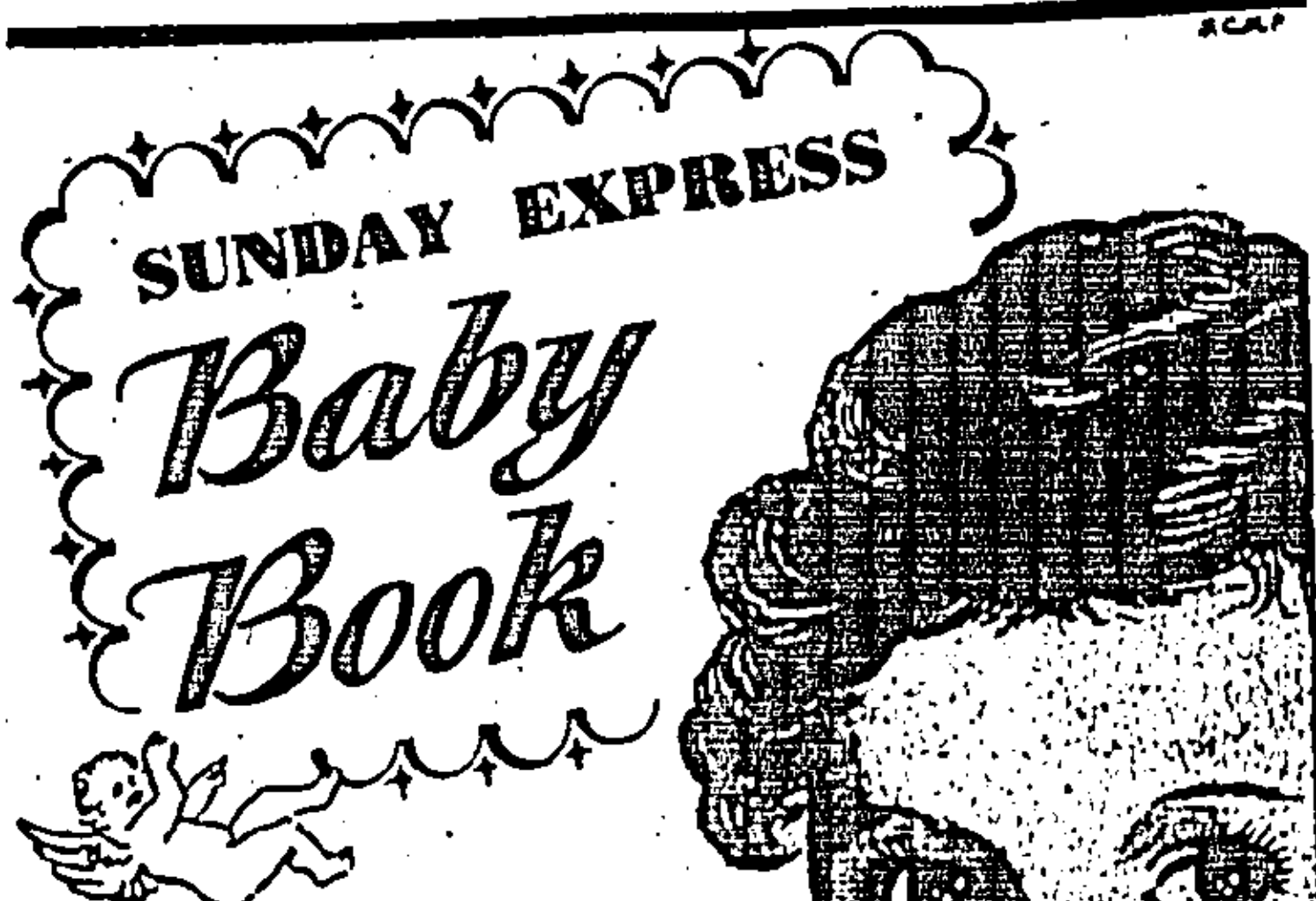
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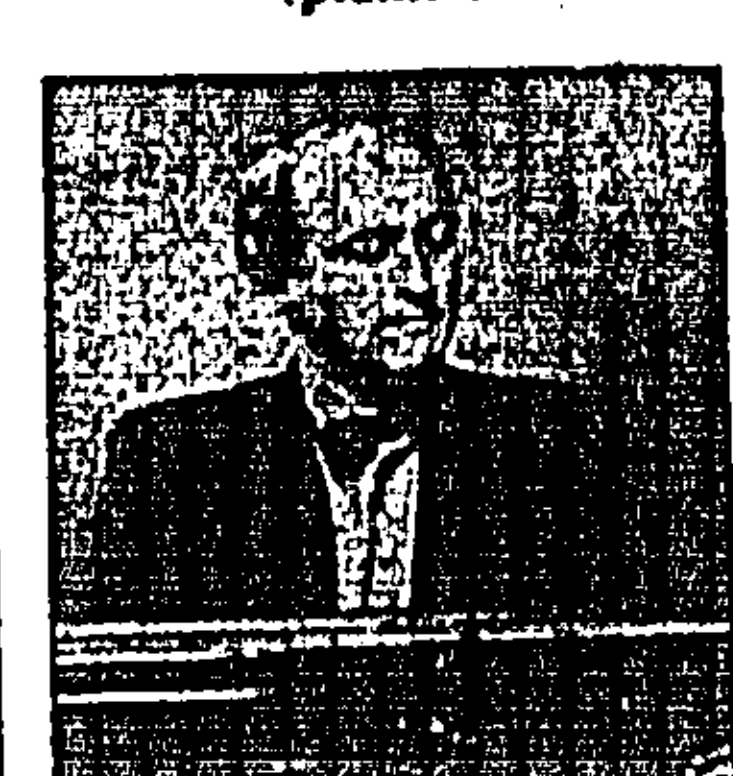
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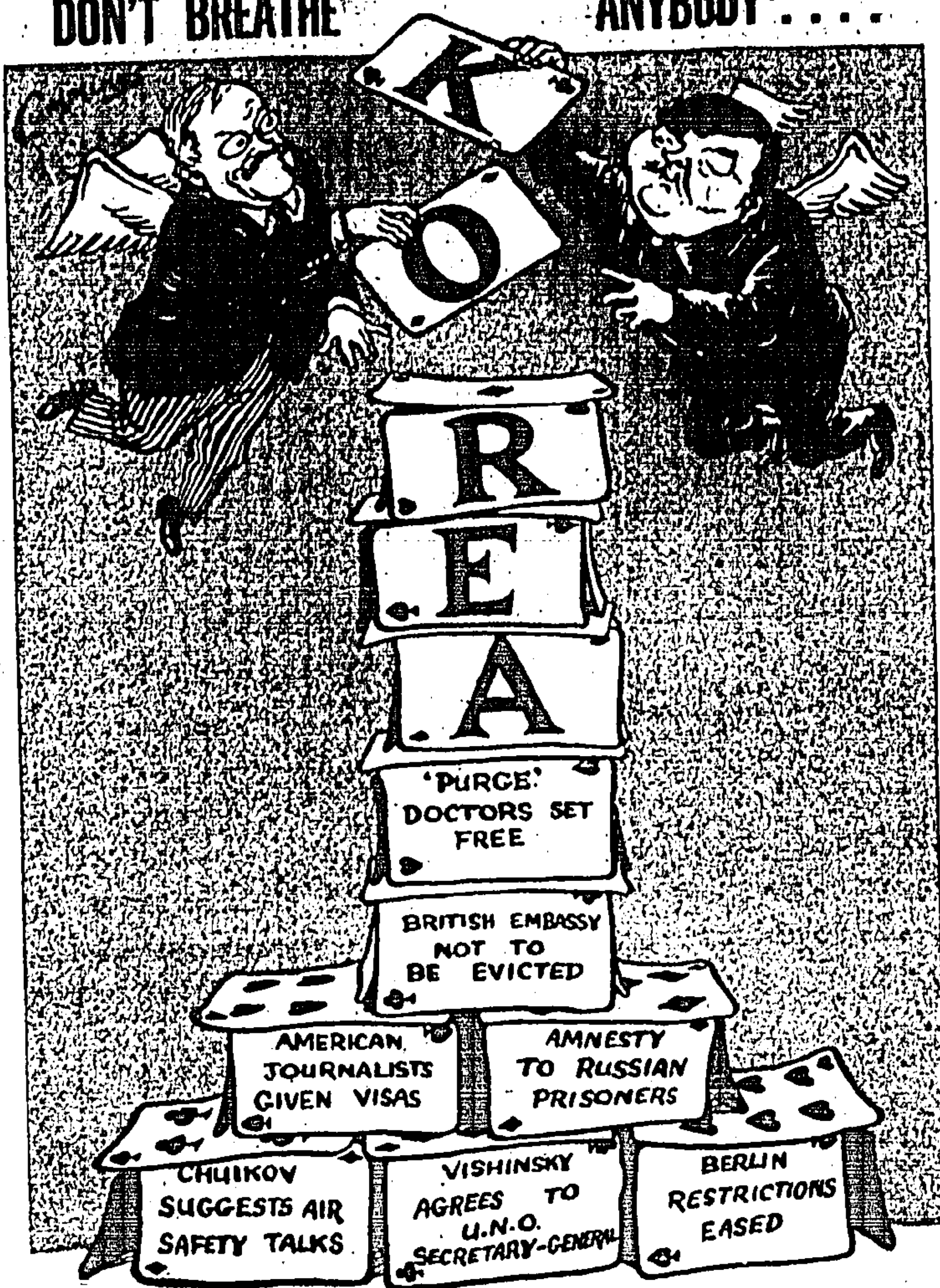
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WAITING FOR THE K.O.

Nathaniel Gubbins

ONE advantage of the cold war, now relaxing with "nods and becks and wretched smiles" (John Milton, in case you didn't know), was that Russian diplomats maintained a dignified silence, unless they were insulting somebody.

They might have been as dumb as they look. On the other hand, because they were not allowed to speak freely, brilliant witticisms may have been stifled in their throats by orders from Moscow.

But now that Mr. Andrei Gromyko has made a corny crack about our weather, we know the worst. He said: "Your British weather over Easter was terrible. Why don't you put it in order? In Moscow it was warm and sunny."

Which is about as unfunny as the worst gag ever uttered by the unfunniest British comedian at a suburban smoking concert.

But if the order has come from Moscow: "Fraternalise with the British, and make jokes they understand," there will soon be some awkward scenes with British diplomats of the old school at the Russian Embassy.

You like your cigar? Oh, jolly good. Thanks. You smelt the kipper? The kipper? It is nailed under the table. It is stale. It smells bad. Very English. Very funny, ha? Oh, very funny. Ha, ha. Your mother-in-law—she is fat, blowy, horrible, eh?

My mother-in-law? Do you mean the duchess? Yes, of course. But she is vulgar, oozy, stupid and talkative, talk and chew the fat, or is it the cud, yes? I think I'd better be going now.

Who was that lady I seen you with last night? I beg your pardon? I know. It was no lady. It was your wife.

I really must go now, if you'll excuse me. It's all been frightfully jolly.

But you must wait until your cigar expires. Ah, there she goes, and half your mouthache with her. Is not that very funny—frightfully jolly? Frightfully.

At Lord's

"FOR the Coronation Test match," writes a woman, "I have chosen to wear a black dotted green chaise longue suit, a plain large black straw hat, and, remembering three colours for smartness, an enormous crimson rose on my shoulder. Rosy make-up with crimson lipstick will complete my outfit."

In the Lord's Tavern, clubbies will provide several colours for smartness, but some of us

older Lord's Taverners will not need the rosy make-up.

Pass The Sandwiches

According to a report, American girls, anxious to know every detail of the Coronation, "squealed with delight when they learned at a British Information Bureau that some peers and peeresses may carry sandwiches in their coronets."

WELL, there you are, you see. Americans just don't understand.

After all, what's so funny about carrying sandwiches in a coronet? I mean, you're a long time at a coronation without a spot of fodder, and you've got to carry it somewhere, particularly as peers' robes don't usually have pockets.

And even if they did, a chap would look a bit of an outsider with packets of grub bulging out of them. I mean, it simply isn't done.

But if you carry the stuff in your coronet, it doesn't show. And when there's a bit of a break for lunch, you can get in a quiet corner and use no thing as a small table on your knees.

Of course, coronets are not usually big enough to carry much. So you would have to stick to sandwiches. I mean, you can't have a box of picnic with knives and forks and chicken and salad and all that.

For one thing, the ironmongery would rattle a bit, and also be rather heavy. I mean, you don't want to go about like a Covent Garden porter balancing a basket on his head.

And as for salad, it's simply out of the question. Mayonnaise is difficult enough in a hamper, but if you carry it in your hat, so to speak, you're going to look a bit odd if it gets out of the container and runs down your face.

One of the problems, of course, is crumbs. If you use a coronet as a small table, as I said, a few crumbs, and probably bits of meat and chicken, are certain to get into it. And when you put the thing on again, the stuff is certain to get into your hair.

Of course, it's all right for peers who are bald. They can brush it away with one hand. But if peeresses go about after lunch with crumbs and bits of meat and chicken in their hair, they're going to look a bit roper.

The only thing to do is for the peer to carry an extra nooshy for the memabibi. I mean, may be a bit of a tight fit. I

mean. But hang it all, a chap has to consider the ladies on an occasion like that, I mean.

Letter From A Stomach

MY Dear Stomach, Sir Miles Thomas, chief of the B.O.A.C., has said that on the Comet airliner's trip to Tokyo and back stomachs flew so fast that their meat times were gravely upset.

They took an early breakfast in London, and arrived in Tokyo at another early breakfast-time, when they were expecting a late dinner.

On the return trip, they arrived in London expecting a late lunch, and found it was time for yet another early breakfast.

As many of the stomachs rebelled, your comments on the problem would be appreciated.

SIR, In reply to your undated letter, I have to inform you that I have given serious consideration to the problem of stomachs in the jet age.

Stomachs obliged to travel frequently may find that they will hardly ever catch up with lunch-time or dinner-time, and will be doomed to a perpetual diet of porridge and bacon and eggs.

If the time-tables are changed, they may find lunch always coming down without breakfasts or dinners, or dinners always coming down without lunches or breakfasts.

Even worse, much-travelled stomachs, doomed to perpetual breakfasts by the time-table and owned by certain persons given to self-indulgence (no names, no pack drill), may find nothing but coffee and toast coming down for weeks on end.

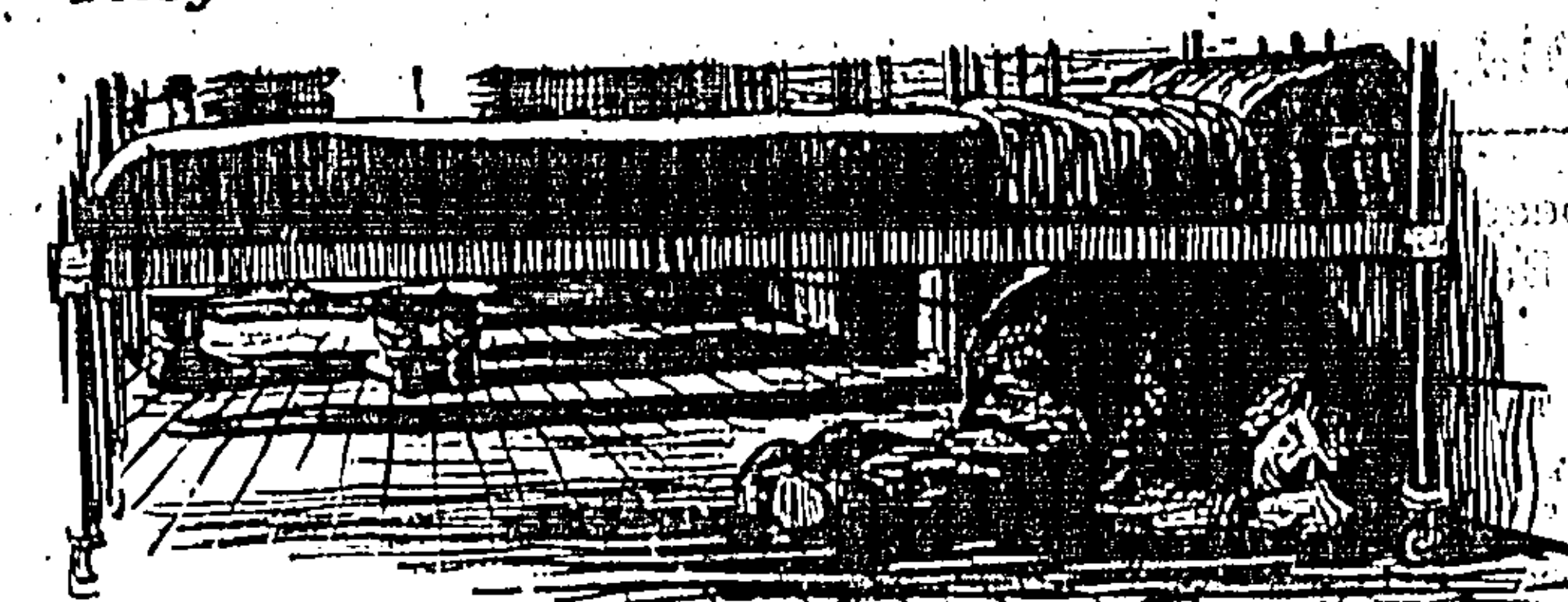
When stomachs can fly round the world in 24 hours, I presume time in their aeraera will remain constant. If moving with the speed of the earth's revolutions, I suppose they will never get anywhere.

Therefore, if their journey begins at 4.30 p.m., they will be travelling nowhere, for apparently no purpose, in an airliner where it will be always tea-time.

In these nightmarish circumstances, let us hope that stomachs by the future will get better times than those served today on British Airways.

I remain, Sir, faithfully,
Your Stomach.
(London Express Service)

"They Have Their Exits" . . . Third Day



THE JACKBOOTS CAME NEARER AND NEARER

THE British dental officer treated my gums. As he applied a lotion I blurted out my news to him. He smiled and calmly shook my hand as he summoned the next patient, Norman Forbes, from the waiting-room. Back in the waiting-room the sentry still gazed without expression at the window. Five minutes passed, I looked at my watch and at eleven o'clock rose from my chair and pronounced the magic word:

"Abort."

The sentry glanced in my direction with indifference and nodded woodenly. I stepped outside where the two sentries still lounged by the corner of the hut. They did not look my way for a small alert British prisoner with long black hair flowing beneath his cap and side whiskers was showing them some shining object. His enthusiastic salesmanship was part of the escape plan. Swiftly I reached the lavatory, removed my overcoat and placed it in a space beneath the roof. I gathered up a few pieces of wood and waited for Forbes. He came quickly, placed his overcoat beside mine and took up his share of wood. Another short, tense wait.

A TALL British sergeant paced carefully beside the lavatory whistled softly. At the signal I walked as naturally as possible behind the hut and round its far wall out of the view of the sentries. At the roadway I was joined by Forbes and we began to talk and laugh and shout salutes at the entrance of the compound on the other side carrying our bits of wood to give the impression that we were employed on some errand. No one shouted. No one even looked in our direction.

We were now dressed in our battle-dresses without badges of rank, trying to become absorbed in the mass of prisoners. We walked up a lane fenced with posts and wire and reached the main gate. A sentry armed with a bayonet talked casually with a British corporal. He glanced at us unintelligently, and it seemed the corporal gave us a faint wink as we passed through into the haven of the compound.

Company Sergeant Major Thornborough, of the Green Howards, stood with clean uniform and shining boots at the door of one of the huts. He grinned, shook us to the end of the long hut between rows of two-tiered metal beds.

Yesterday Colonel Neave told how, as a Lieutenant in a British battery ordered to make a last stand before Dunkirk in 1940, he was wounded, taken prisoner, marched to Germany and eventually taken to an old Polish fort—Stalag XXa. From here he planned to escape to Russia from the dental centre (which he was regularly attending for treatment) with F.O. Norman Forbes, an R.A.F. fighter pilot.

Here bunks had been prepared for us and cups of tea were ready. We were to hide here until the search had died down and the huts and cry was over. Then, after an interval, we could go out with some party working in the woods and escape. Shortly after noon U.S.M. Thornborough came into the hut. He was laughing. "Come outside and see something good. Take a brush and pull each and pretend to be hut orderlies and mix with the crowd by the wire."

By
AIREY NEAVE,
D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C.

FORBES and I worked under the direction of a British corporal who whispered directions to us. The barn had doors at either end. One was fastened by a padlock, but the other, least in use, was held in position only by a wooden cross-bar twisted with wire. Before the midday meal I saw the corporal loosening the wire so that the door would open easily.

When the ration lorry drew up beside us two men jumped inside. I jumped down and disappeared in the crowd. It was unnoticed by the guard that the number of the working party had increased to 152. We planned to hide in the barn when the party marched back to the camp at exactly the same strength as it had left in the morning.

Late in the afternoon when no Germans were in the barn the corporal stood by the open door and nodded. Up we climbed towards the roof, high into the hay, and burrowed beneath the cross-beams of the barn. We lay there luxuriously for an hour.

Then we heard a German talking to the corporal. Though the hay I caught a glimpse of the German's uniform. The corporal repeated the word "Nacht!" The German was not satisfied and I felt that he was gazing up into the roof.

Tomorrow: Lost and Bowldored.

MORE PEACE MOVES SOON TO COME, SAY DIPLOMATS

Jane Mellvaine is the first woman to return to the West and report after a visit to the new Russia. Here is her despatch from Berlin.

THE new mystery in the Kremlin—who really rules Russia and why the Russians have launched their peace offensive—has diplomats in Moscow dumbfounded today.

But one of the few things about which there is some agreement is that there may soon be important new Russian moves, including an offer to conclude the long-debated Austrian peace treaty.

No picture of Beria

These diplomats, many of whom have spent a lifetime studying Russians, emphasised that they do not know the answers to the startling developments which have followed Stalin's death.

One of the chief figures in this mystery is Premier Malenkov himself. Some diplomats are intrigued as to why he has not

been given a public build-up as Stalin's successor, and they wonder whether there is now under way a life and death struggle between Malenkov and Beria, the security chief, for absolute power.

Everywhere I went in and around Moscow during our seven-day stay I saw pictures of Stalin and Lenin. But I saw only one picture of Malenkov. It was at the big Moscow collective farm, 30 miles east of Moscow. Pictures of Stalin, Lenin, Malenkov and Molotov were grouped on the wall. I saw none of Beria.

There is a feeling in Moscow that Stalin's successors have taken the opportunity provided by his death to correct what one diplomat described as a "desperate situation" facing Russia.

This diplomat suggested that the new rulers may have felt Stalin's policies were propelling Russia towards war—that he was too simple to change—and that Russia is still too backward industrially for an all-out war in the near future. In short, they are "buying time."

What I saw in our stay—and remembering that for most pur-

poses we saw what the Russians wanted us to see—does not give one the picture of immense strength which Russia tries to present to the West.

When I was able to look under the Red carpet laid down for us, I could see the dust and cracks—like the horrifying sight of women prisoners—working under the steady-eyed direction of Tommy's Jotting guards with police dogs.

Cars of tin
Our visit to the Stalin auto works, the Russians' pride and joy, was not impressive by Detroit production line standards.

The Russians' best cars are tinny. The Soviet planes in which we travelled from Finland to Moscow had tracks which exposed the aircraft, uncomfortable to view. Despite a doubtful Russian emphasis on speed, the outmost facts of Western diplomacy are confirmed by one thing there has been no change in the upward atmosphere in Moscow.

(Continued on Page 5, Col. 5)

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Speed Is Needed At Bridge Tourney

By OSWALD JACOBY

My friend, Sam Stayman, is coming all the way from New York to play with me in a tournament in Dallas.

Most bridge players make some plays quickly and other plays slowly, depending on how long it takes them to think and plan the move. Stayman makes every play with exactly the same speed so that it is very difficult to guess his reason for a move.

In the hand shown today, Stayman found himself in a reasonable enough contract of six hearts. The contract depended, at worst, on a successful finesse for the king of diamonds. Many players would think of no other chance for the slam, but Sam never undervalues a resource, no matter how unlikely it may seem.

After winning the first trick with the king of clubs, Stayman drew two rounds of trumps and then led

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♠ K J 7 3		♠ Q 5 4 2	
♥ A 8 5 3		♥ 8	
♦ A Q		♦ K 8 7 6	
♣ A 5 4		♣ 7 5 3	
WEST		SOUTH (D)	
♠ A 8 5 3		♠ 10	
♥ A 8 5 3		♥ A K Q 10 7	
♦ A Q		♦ J 10 9 3	
♣ A 5 4		♣ A K	
North-South vul			
1♥	Pass	1♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	4NT	Pass
6♥	Pass	6♥	Pass
Opening lead—A♣			

the ten of spades from his hand. West had to decide in a split second whether or not to play his ace.

If West had been able to take his time over this problem, he might have seen that the correct play is to put up the ace of spades at once. But a defender must make this kind of decision without consulting his partner. The slightest thought automatically shows the location of the ace.

As it happened, West made the wrong decision, playing a low spade. This was the chance that Stayman had been hoping for. He put up dummy's king of spades, winning the trick. Now, with no losing trick in spades, declarer could afford to lose the diamond finesse and still make his slam contract.

CARD SERVICES

Q—With neither side vulnerable, the bidding has been:

North East South West
1 Heart 2 Diamonds 7

You, South, hold: Spades 5-6-2, Hearts K-7-6-5, Diamonds 4-3, Clubs K-J-7-5. What do you do?

A—Bid two hearts. This hand is worth a "free" raise. You have a count of 7 points in normal high card strength, 1 point extra for the king of your partner's bid suit, and 1 point for the doubler.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You South, hold: Spades A-8-2, Hearts K-7-6-5, Diamonds 4-3, Clubs K-J-7-5. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

DUMB BELLS

WON'T YOU NEED A PUP-TENT FOR YOUR CAMPING TRIP?

NO! WE'RE NOT TAKING THE DOG.

5814 THE LUCKY SYNDICATE

CHESS PROBLEM

By P. OVERKAMP
Black, 14 pieces

White to play; made in three

Solution to yesterday's problem:

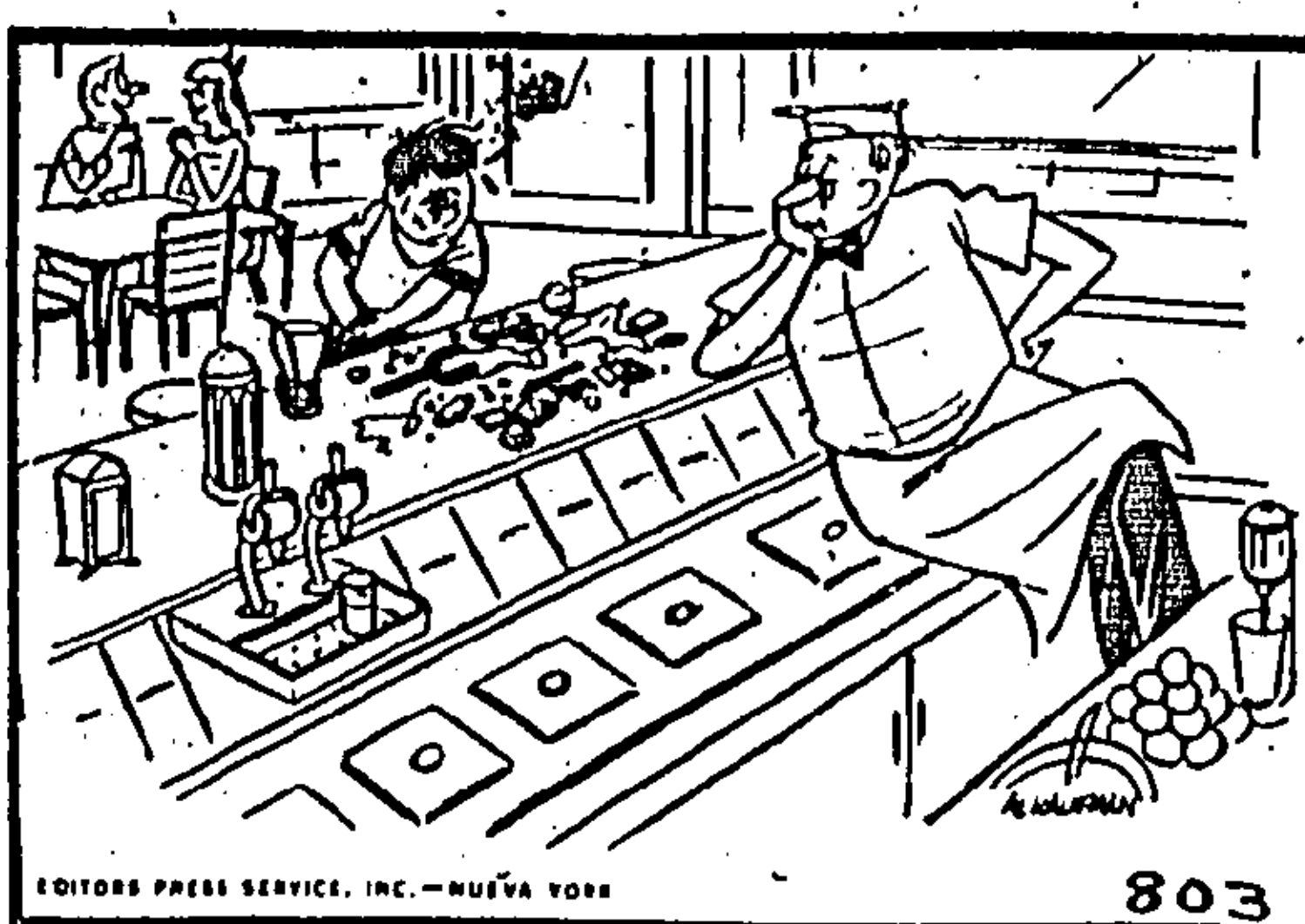
1. R-K3, any; 2. Q, R, or K mates.

WHAT'S HIS LINE?

DAVID R. GREGG

Re-arrange the letters to spell out his occupation.

(Solution on Page 10)



Let me know when you get the money.

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

CAMEL YANKEES IN DAILY

"No Telescope," says Fire-Chief

Wall-Paper Hackett Condemned

MRS TUFT, of 8, The Drive,

Elencastle, noticed a package

on the seat of a Huddersfield

bus. She took it to the police.

It was unwrapped. It was

found to contain a gearbox filled

with apple fritters. Mrs Tuft is

the wife of a local electrician, and

was complimented by the Women's

Federation for her awareness,

integrity, and sense of values.

Mimsie Slopconer

MIMSIE SLOPCORNER is at

home, recovering from the

rudeness of the Mayor of Spod-

bury-on-the-Wade. Her father

said, "She should have kissed him

back. That would have served him

right." Her mother said, "When

I was a girl Mayors behaved like

gentlemen, but it's all this progress

and science. If a hazzard queen

isn't safe, who is?" Mimsie said.

CRISIS averted

ANOTHER strike has been narrow-

ly avoided. It was discovered

that three unskilled men had scraped

the rust off a boiler, which is a

job for skilled boiler-scrapers. But

as there was still some rust left,

three skilled men completed the

work. An official said: "This must

not be interpreted as willingness on

the part of the skilled scrapers to

work in co-operation with unskilled

scrapers. In future the work must

be left to the skilled men."

Household Hint

To clean a vacuum bottle,

tear up a few scraps of paper

and put them inside the bottle.

Add a little bicarbonate of

soda and warm water; shake the

bottle well. Do not sub-

merge the bottle in water

since it will seep into the metal

barrel and cause rust.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

BORN today, you have a restless

mind. Unless you are always

feeding it something interesting, you

are inclined to get restless and bored

with life. You have definite talent in

the arts—music and drama being the

most likely in which you would

probably attain the greatest success.

Yet, at the outset, you must realize

that to reach the top brackets, you

will need to work hard for a long

time and, perhaps, sacrifice your

leisure time. You are a little

long-winded when you are talking

to a group of people. Your talent

for success is it up to you to supply

the directive force. Your intuitions

are keen and your sense of analysis

is sharp. If you learn to combine

these two characteristics, you will

be able to outstep your

competitors, but you should be able

to judge what is a good and practical

project. This ability to separate the

chaff from the wheat in the field of

ideas will prove of the utmost im-

WOMANSENSE

GOOD DRESSING by DRUSILLA BEYFUS

Cotton 'n' Cardigans get a new spice

cotton frock than the one you used to wear.

GOOD Dressing has met

and married Miss Com-

fort First. The two are

paired off in a new clothes

idea that brings both an

ease and an elegance to

spring-fashion.

Cotton frocks and cardigans

are included in good

dressing for the first time

this season. The dateless,

classless, shapeless outfit

worn by Englishwomen to

beat the weather has

caught the eye of the dress

designers. They have

woken up and noticed that

a day warm enough for a

cotton frock is often cold

enough for a cardigan.

Next month, cardigans trim-

med and tailored to make cot-

ton dresses will be on sale in

London shops. The new jackets

are warm, pretty, and comfort-

able. They are made with long

sleeves in fine black jersey and

edged in the stuff of the dress.

Sometimes they fit to the

waist, sometimes to the hip.

Since cottons and cardigans

have gone up in the fashion

world there is a little more

sense in summer elegance.

Now it's easier to wear the

fashionable sleeveless cotton

frocks. The new styles to wear

about town are bolder than

ever before with necklines

scooped out back and front like

an old-fashioned camisole,

necklines cut deep down in the

front with slender shoulder

straps, necklines squared and

bared.

They are easier to wear be-

cause now you can pull on a

cardigan that looks better on a

Presenting therefore three of

the new cotton frocks-and-car-

digans to satisfy the sort of

woman who feels compelled

to take along a cardigan in

case it gets cold.

TOP LEFT: A sleeveless

gingham with a deep-cut neck-

line, a flared skirt and a nip-

ped-in waist. The cardigan:

Long sleeved, sloping shoulder-

ed, with a tailored waistline. A

piece of the dress material

curls round the high neck and

borders the edges.

TOP LOWER: A sleeveless

gingham with a camisole-shaped

neckline and a broad shoulder

strap; the skirt is full and

bounced. Cardigan to go with

it: A dark jersey fitted to the

waist, piped in the dress

material, with a short V-shape

neckline.

And (RIGHT) THE LAST

WORD... Something special.

What Paris can do with a cot-

ton frock and a cardigan. It

is a white sheath of a dress

worn by one of the top models,

Sophie. It is sleeveless, with a

curved boat neckline and em-

broidered thickly all over with

a white design of flowers and

leaves. The cardigan: What

Paris makes of an everyday

dress idea, a black skin just to

cover the bareness that needs

covering. Price at least three

times a Briton's new currency

allowance.

(London Express Service)

Fortified Milk To

Correct Faulty Diet

Valparaiso, Ind.

Valparaiso University students

are being served a fortified milk

drink developed by Dr. Henry G.

Pomeroy, medical director of the

university's health service.

The service is free, and is

offered to members of the student

body and the faculty.

The milk drink is designed to

combat low resistance due to

faulty diet. It supplies proteins,

vitamins and minerals lacking in

the diets of many students

examined by university doctors.

United Press.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Plink-Plank's a Fine Fixer

—He Mends Daisies and Cats But Not Fence Gates!—

By MAX TRELL

WHEN Knarf and Hanid, the

shadow-children with the

turned-about names, went down

into the Blue China Place, they

found their friend Ting-a-

Ling, talking to a stranger. The

stranger was a little man with

pink cheeks and bright, darting

eyes like a sparrow.

Ting-a-Ling greeted the

shadow-children cheerfully.

Then he said, pointing toward

the stranger: "This is my

cousin Plink-Plank. He lives

in the country and has just come

to visit with me for awhile."

Knarf and Hanid smiled.

Plink-Plank bowed.

Anything to Fix?

"I fix things," Plink-Plank

said the next minute. "Have you

got anything you want me to

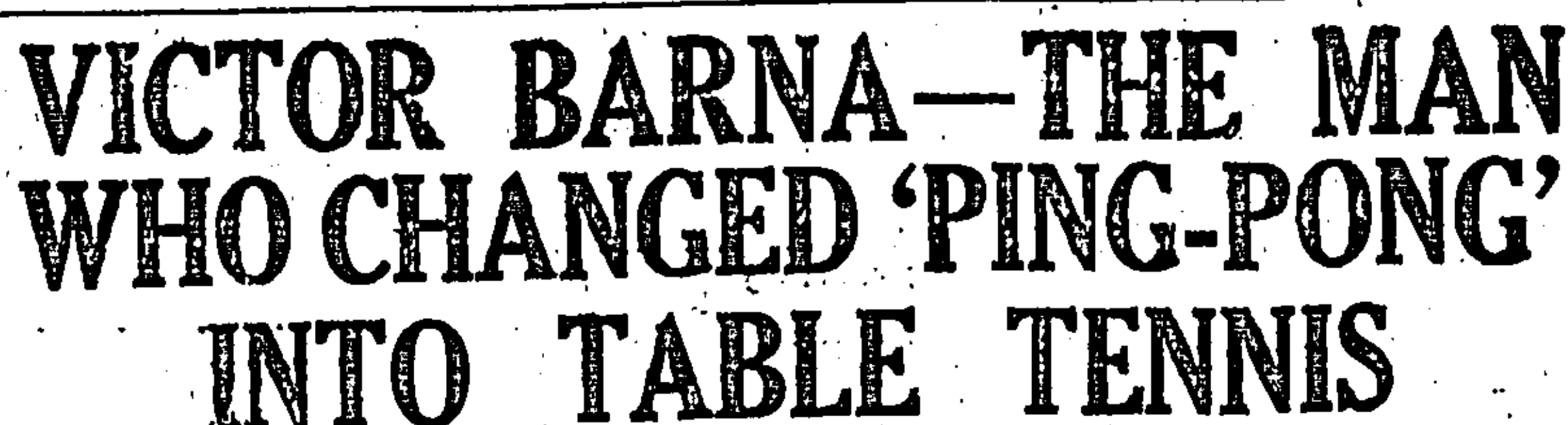
fix?"

"Oh, yes—I was just about to

tell you," Ting-a-Ling put in

quickly. "Cousin Plink-Plank is

very handy. He fixes



FRANK WORRELL REMAINS ONE OF THE FEW EMINENT PLAYERS WHO STILL REGARD CRICKET AS A GAME

For these days, with mountains unknown as far as the rest of the



Secretary.

H. MISA,
Secretary.

tutor.



ROUND THE COUNTIES

An Experimental Year In Yorkshire Cricket—The Search Is On For Bowlers

By DENNIS HART

It is impossible to discuss County cricket prospects without the name Yorkshire cropping up early or frequently. They are the Arsenal of cricket.

After waiting 20 years for their first Championship win when the competition was instituted in 1873, they have since won the title 22 times in 50 years. And rarely has there been an England side that has not contained three or four "tykes."

Their success has been gained through their approach to the game. This is conducted with Australian-like thoroughness. No aspiring player is overlooked in Yorkshire. It is noted. From then on he becomes a marked man. His progress is maintained, he is invited along for a trial.

This season, Yorkshire's scouting and coaching methods have been tested to the full. The County have been second in the Championship for the past two seasons, and Secretary Nash

told me "We will be all out to go one better this season. But a lot will depend on how the young players shape."

This will be an experimental year in Yorkshire cricket. The search is for bowlers.

This may seem strange for a county that has always emphasised the necessity for a strong attack, and has succeeded in carrying out this policy, producing such men as Wilfred Rhodes, George Hirst, Hedley Verity, and now Freddie Trueman.

But last season the bowling was weaker than for many a year.

It was not entirely the County's fault. They were handicapped by the complete absence through injury of Bob Appleyard, England's greatest fast-medium discovery since Alex Bedser.

Service commitments permitted Trueman only the occasional game. To make matters worse, when the senior colts, J. Whitehead and W. Ford, were called upon they informed the club they would be unable to spare the time from their engineering and school-teaching professions. Consequently no fewer than 20 bowlers were tried during the season and for the important job of opening the attack, they brought in at various times, eight uncapped players.

This season Yorkshire are not going to be caught napping again. During April they vied over 100 colts for trials, and a quarter of them were fast bowlers.

NO RASH PROPHECIES

Yorkshire do not believe in making rash prophecies about a player's ability. So Mr Nash preferred not to mention any names "as it is not good for a youngster to receive a lot of publicity." But he added:

"We've got one or two who will make people sit up." Appleyard is again unlikely to be fit, and Trueman's appearances will once more depend on his C.O.'s generosity with leave. But no matter how kindly disposed the superior officer, five Tests of five days each plus a test trial and other representative games will seriously curtail the young fast bowler's County appearances.

On the brighter side, Mr Nash said that Brian Close has fully recovered from the serious injury he sustained playing football and would be available.

Brian, who was hailed as the boy wonder when he performed the 'double' at the age of 18, but

whose ability suffered a sharp decline on going into the services, came back with a bang last season and pulled off the 'double' again.

He will be a strong candidate for a place in the England team to meet Australia. So will slow left-arm spinner Johnny Wardle.

He was the main pillar of the Yorkshire attack last season. He bowled 1,857 overs—400 more than any other bowler in the country—and captured 177 wickets of 105 apace.

NO BATTING WORRIES

On the batting side, however, Yorkshire have no worries, except for the selectors. For they have a surplus of talent. Throughout last season one first-class batsman had to be dropped in turn for every county match. Seven players scored over a thousand runs, headed by Len Hutton, who totalled 1,956 in County Championship games alone.

Mr Nash told me that the 'area system' will operate again this season. If the development of players continues at its present rate, there are likely to be more migrations from the County. As it is, this season will see 28 Yorkshiremen playing for other sides. In fact only Lancashire, Glamorgan, Kent and Sussex will be without one.

So even if Yorkshire do not win the honours, there is an excellent chance that somewhere at least one member of the County will receive a Championship medal.

(London Express Service)

South African Tennis Players Doing Well

Sutton, Surrey, Apr. 21. The young South African Davis Cup team, playing in their first tennis tournament since arriving in England, today revelled in the hot sunshine on Britain's warmest day of the year so far.

Russell Seymour and Ian Vermaak both entered third round of the Sutton Hard Courts Tournament.

Seymour beat the young Somerset County player, Colin Hannam, who has just returned from a tour of Asia, by 6-3, 7-5. In one of the best matches of the day, while Vermaak, a brash, red-headed, but experienced South African, defeated Polish International, 6-1, 6-0.

The challenge of the Ceylon Davis Cup players in the Singles ended today with the defeat of E.L. Soekoe, who went down to G.K. Flery, the Surrey County player, by 6-1.

Earlier, P. Ernst had been eliminated in the first round by another Surrey player, Derek Leyland, by 6-4, 4-0, 6-4.

Reuter.

Indonesian Reserves Rout Manila 5-0

Manila, Apr. 22. The reserves of the visiting Indonesian football team last night routed Manila's Interport alignment 5-0, thereby winning all of their scheduled three matches here.

The visitors explained this morning for Hongkong, where they will play a four-game series.

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BATSMAN OF THE YEAR?



THE PULL Take a preview of the lad it is easy to predict will be the Batsman of the Year—Ian Craig, 17-year-old wonder batsman from the Sydney suburb of Mosman, Australia. Sir Don Bradman himself predicts it.

THE STANCE Serious-minded Ian, dark haired, brown skinned, unusually grave and mature for his years, approaches his stroke-making with the concentration and care of a student.

THE HOOK He handles his slight, 5ft. 8ins. 10st. frame with neatness born of agile footwork and an orthodox style and stance, so devoid of excess frills that he could serve as a good model for schoolboys, little if any younger than himself.

Craig has a stance similar to that of the artistic Alan Kippax. He has a slight crouch with the bat behind the right foot, but he grips the bat shorter than Kippax.

His greatest strength is his on-side play. A favourite with him is the cover-drive, and his only detectable weakness—which it would pay bowlers to study—is his occasional failure to move over to a ball pitched outside his off stump.—Express Photo.

SOUTH CHINA SNATCH A POINT TO RETAIN THEIR SENIOR DIVISION TITLE

By "SPIV"

South China just managed to snatch the needed point to retain their Senior Division League title when they drew 2-2 with Eastern in their last match yesterday.

Another capacity crowd turned out to witness the titanic battle, and though a great number were a little disappointed in not seeing South China avenge their Challenge Shield final defeat, they were treated to another session of brilliant and exciting soccer.

As in the Challenge Shield final, South China yesterday again enjoyed the lion's share of the play, only to find an Eastern XI who, though unaffected by the result in the race for the Championship, played well up to their reputation and tradition.

Main honours go to their defence, in which Yue Yui-tak gave another brilliant performance between the sticks. He was backed by a solid understanding between him and centre-half Chang Kam-hoi enabled South China to equalise 1-1 in the first half, but for the remaining 13 minutes of the first half and for the greater period of the second period Yue was largely responsible for blunting the Eastern attack, the net more than once.

SOUND DEFENCE Sharing honours in the Eastern defence were their two full-backs, Lee Ping-chiu and Tang Yui-wah. Though given very little chance to break into offensive movements as a result of the constant pressure of the South China attack, the Eastern halves—Chan Fung-hung, Chang Kam-hoi and Lo Lai-kuen—successfully held their own in checking their men.

The Eastern forward line, however, failed to reproduce the form that won them the Challenge Shield. Their surprise direct moves were well countered by an improved South China defence which saw Lau Chi-ping successfully substituted one match too late perhaps—for Chiu Chor-wing, who was still not fully recovered from a recent injury when he took the field in the Challenge Shield final.

Good work by both Lau Chi-ping and Lau Yee and the two wing halves in neutralising Eastern's two key forwards, Hau Ching-lo on the left-wing and Chu Wing-keung on the right, was largely responsible for blunting the Eastern attack.

Centre-forward Chan Ka-sau seldom came into the picture, being held well in check by centre-half Ko Po-keung.

Ho Ying-fun was also given little scope, being closely marked by Tong Sheng, but got loose in a successful final effort in the closing stages which resulted in Chu Wing-keung netting the equalising goal.

THE GOALS Eastern won the toss and put South China against a heavy wind. From the kick-off, South China forced a corner, but this was cleared by Lo Yui-kuen and at the other end Pau Ying-yin neatly held a corner kick.

After 15 minutes of end-to-end exchanges in which both goals had narrow escapes, Eastern first opened the scoring. A long centre by right-half Chan Fui-hung met with a header by Chan Kai-sau. Hau Ching-lo came into the centre and, after having the better of a tussle with Lau Chi-ping, tipped the ball past Pau into the goal.

In the 22nd minute South China equalised when a pass by Kwok Yik-lok found both Yui-tak and Chan Fui-hung going for the ball. Both hesitated and Yui-tak dashed in and put the ball past the South China goalkeeper.

South China came very near scoring again from the kick-off when Mok Chun-wah put a beautiful long pass across the goalmouth. Lee Yui-tak raced in but headed the ball just past the post.

South China kept up a continuous attack from then on until the interval and it was only good work by the defence and some fine goalkeeping by Yui-tak that prevented any change of the 1-1 score until the interval.

South China again took the initiative on the resumption, but did not succeed in taking the lead until six minutes before the end.

A wide clearance by Lee Ping-chiu went to Yui-tak, who

shot into the goal. The referee, Mr. Eric Tyrrell-Martin, internationally famous British polo player, died here this afternoon following a stroke. He had been in hospital for two weeks.

Reuter.

LINDSAY HASSETT'S QUALITIES AS CAPTAIN CRITICISED

London, Apr. 21.

The critical references to the Australian Test captain, Lindsay Hassett, in the latest cricket book "Bumpers" (by Keith Miller and A. S. Whittington) form only a small part of a long chapter on Test prospects.

In their comparisons of the captaincy qualities of Hassett and Hutton, the authors face their remarks thus: "Without wishing to be disloyal to a man who has been our constant friend and delightful companion on many tours around the English-speaking world, we must say, in the cause of sincerity of opinion, that we believe Len Hutton could develop an advantage for England in the sphere of captaincy."

After having referred to Hassett's "increasingly cautious outlook in recent years," Whittington says that Hassett can be a very good captain when at his best and concentrating.

If the authors have erred on the grounds of good taste in their reference to Hassett with Miller a member of the team, the soundly-based comments of other parts of the book will satisfy cricket readers.

CONTRIVERSIAL The Prime Minister, Mr. Robert Menzies, in a foreword, anticipates controversial reaction by saying when Keith Miller and Richard Whittington were "so generous to ask to write a foreword for their new cricket book, they were cautious enough not to send me a copy of their manuscript. I can hereafter wash my hands off any responsibility for the indiscretions which some indiscreet reviewer is bound to find in this book."

Miller and Whittington touch on a number of controversial subjects—bumpers, brighter cricket, the merits of the great bowlers and batsmen and present-day administration, with a special appeal to the selectors to give way to youth.

There are plenty of anecdotes to please old and young cricketers, two fine sketches of Lawwood, now quietly settled in Sydney, and H. L. Collins, former Australian Test captain now living in London.

There is a chapter on the recent South African Test series, aptly headed "The Cheetham Crusade."

NOT BY MILLER London, Apr. 21. Mr. A. S. Whittington said today that co-author Keith Miller had "nothing whatsoever to do with the writing of the chapter in our book 'Bumpers' in which it is alleged, an 'attack' is made on Lindsay Hassett's captaincy."

Mr. Whittington, who is in England to cover the forthcoming Test tour, said he wrote the chapter.

"My name appears at the head of the chapter," he said. "Mr. Whittington said: 'The chapter was written in January, 1953, when the team and captain, to our England had not been chosen.'"

Mr. Whittington said the editorial "we" which appeared in the chapter was commonly used by columnists and feature writers in Australia.

He said Miller and Hassett and the rest of the Australian team were on the best of terms.

FEELING THE STRAIN London, Apr. 21. Lindsay Hassett's voice is feeling the strain from constant speech-making. His usual strength was missing when he addressed several hundred guests at a luncheon given by the London Institute of Journalists today but everyone heard him say "the team will do its best in England and I think that will be good enough to win the Ashes."

Hassett said: "The main thing is that we should play a good season of cricket. The English team are all personal friends of ours and I hope they will play the type of cricket we like."

Colonel J. J. Astor, Chairman of the Times Trust and a former President of Marylebone Cricket Club, said the Australian tour and the Coronation had many similarities. Both would attract big crowds.

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G. "PERSEUS"	do	23rd May
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S.S. "CHANGSHA"

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Damaged cargo ex this vessel will

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Douglas at Kowloon Wharf & Godown

Wharf Godown at 10.00 a.m. on Friday

24th April, 1953, and consignee's

representatives are requested to be

present during survey.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

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M/V "JEFFERSEN MARSK"

having arrived from New York and

Port of call, Consignees of cargo

are hereby notified that their goods

are being landed and placed at their

risk and expense into the Hong-

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Company's godown at Kowloon,

where delivery may be obtained as

soon as the goods are landed.

Optional cargo will not be landed

here, unless notice has been given

48 hours prior to vessel's arrival,

but carried on from port to port

to the final port of call to which

the option extends.

No claims will be admitted after

the goods have left the Godown,

and all goods remaining undelivered

after the 24th April, 1953, will be

subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged

goods are to be left in the Godown,

where they will be examined on

24th April, 1953, at 10 a.m. by our

Surveyors Messrs. Goddard &

Douglas.

To comply with the General

Bonded Warehouse Regulations con-

signees must have a Revenue Officer

in attendance when damaged duti-

able goods are examined.

All claims must reach us before

the 15th May, 1953, or they will not

be recognized.

No Insurance will be effected.

JEBSEN & CO.

Agents.

Hongkong, 19th April, 1953.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

CIE DES MESSAGERIES

MARITIMES

Consignees per Company's

m.v. "FELIX ROUSSEL"

are hereby notified that their cargo

is being discharged into the Hong-

kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown

Company's godown where it will be at

consignee's risk and expense subject to

the Wharf's terms and conditions of

storage and where delivery may be

obtained as soon as the goods are

landed.

Damaged packages are to be left

in the Godown for examination by

Consignees and the Company's sur-

veyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas

at 10 a.m. on Friday, 24th April,

1953.

To comply with the General

Bonded Warehouse Regulations Con-

signees must have a Revenue Officer

in attendance when damaged duti-

able goods are examined.

All claims against the steamer

must be presented to the under-

signed on or before 15th May, 1953,

or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

CIE DES MESSAGERIES

MARITIMES

Hongkong, 19th April, 1953.

Economic Talks In Tokyo On Minerals Supplies

Tokyo, Apr. 21.

The ECAFE regional conference on mineral resources went into its second day today with reports made by the seven member nations on minerals development in their respective countries.

The session opened at 9.30 a.m. in Gajoen Hotel with some 100 delegates from 20 countries attending.

The delegates immediately plunged into the agenda which today centred on a general review of mineral resources in the ECAFE region and their role in the general economic development of the area.

The conference today agreed to set up two sub-committees and also a reports drafting committee. Japan, Britain, the United States, Burma, India and the Philippines were picked as members of the drafting committee.

ECAFE's Executive Secretary, Mr P. Lokanathan, in a summary of the morning session's debates and reports, said that knowledge of mineral reserves in the ECAFE region was very limited. Not enough resources were developed and utilised for the processing industries. The development of mineral resources was no longer the concern of any one nation but a matter of "international importance."

The Executive Secretary also said that most countries in Asia and the Far East were in need of foreign capital to develop their mineral resources and would welcome investment from abroad. But he pointed out that these countries wanted profits to be put back for further development of mineral reserves and not taken out of the country.

U.S. WILLING

In the afternoon session the United States delegate, Dr David A. Andrews, said that his country would be glad to give technical assistance to the countries of the Asiatic region to develop their coal deposits. He added that the United States exported 3,000,000 tons of coal

to this part of the globe last year.

The chief Soviet delegate, M. Michael Varenkov, told the meeting that the first Soviet postwar Five-Year Plan resulted in a production increase of 70 per cent. He said that coal production last year exceeded 300,000,000 tons or 80 per cent more than in 1940.

M. Varenkov said that the second Five-Year Plan under way was aimed at boosting iron ore production three times by 1955.

The Soviet delegate today confined himself to figures on Russian production. Yesterday, at the opening session of the conference, he caused a temporary excitement among the delegates when he proposed that Communist China and North Korea should be represented at the current conference. His proposal was, however, voted down 12-10.—United Press.

AMERICANS GET PERMISSION

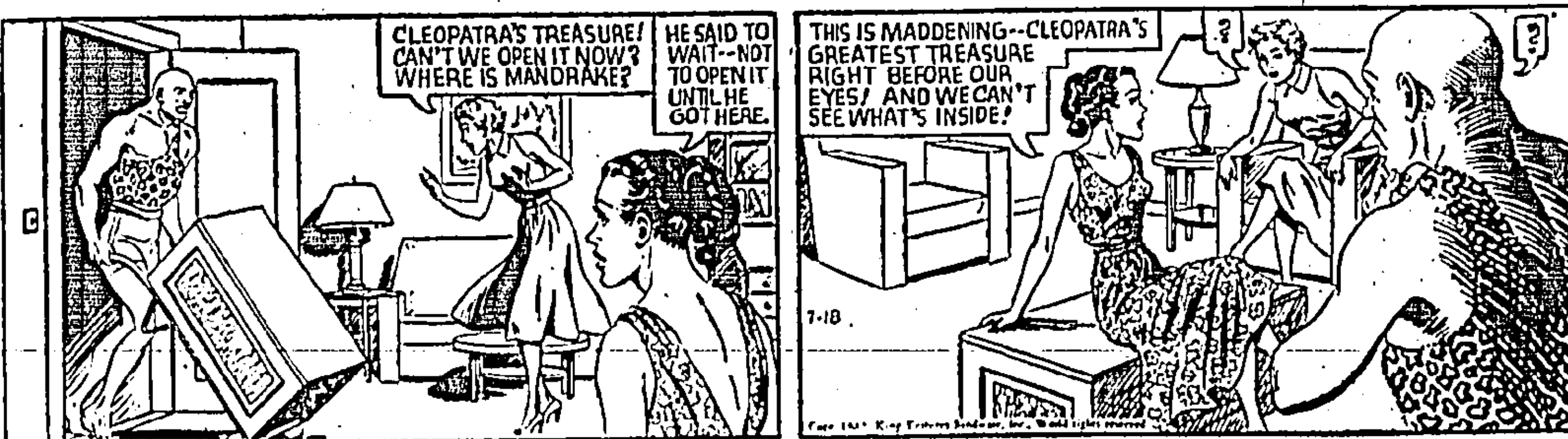
Karachi, Apr. 21.

The Pakistan Government announced today that it has given permission to six American mountaineers to attempt to climb the world's second highest peak, the 28,250 feet "No. 2" or Godwin Austin, in the Himalayas near the Soviet border.

A spokesman said the team, headed by Charles Houston, of Exeter, New Hampshire, who led the 1950 Everest expedition, is due to reach Karachi by plane on May 28 and would immediately leave for North Pakistan to begin the expedition.—Associated Press.

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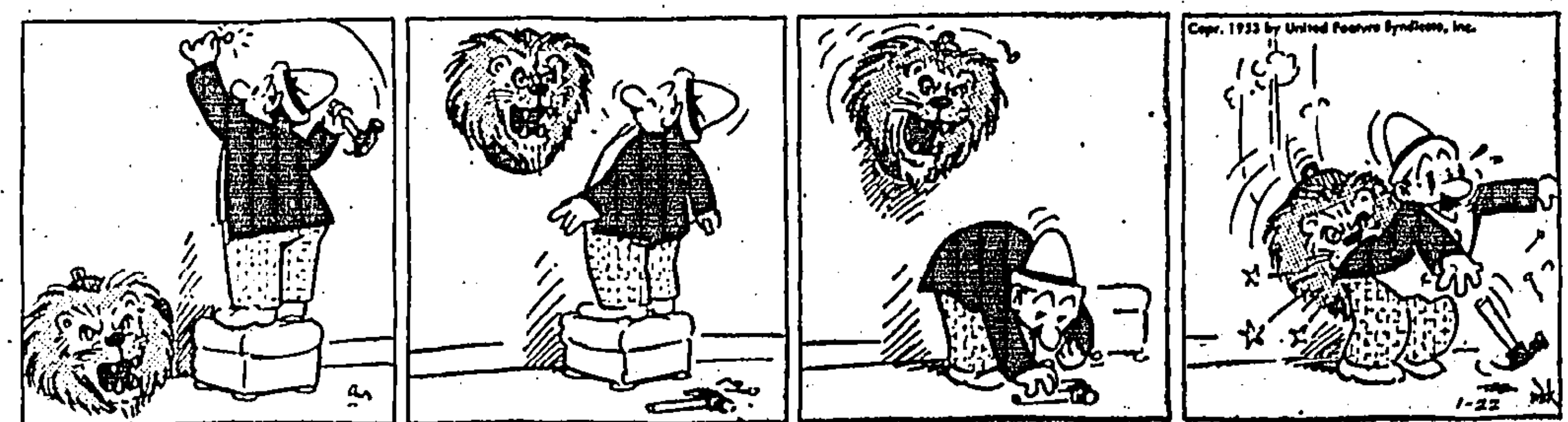
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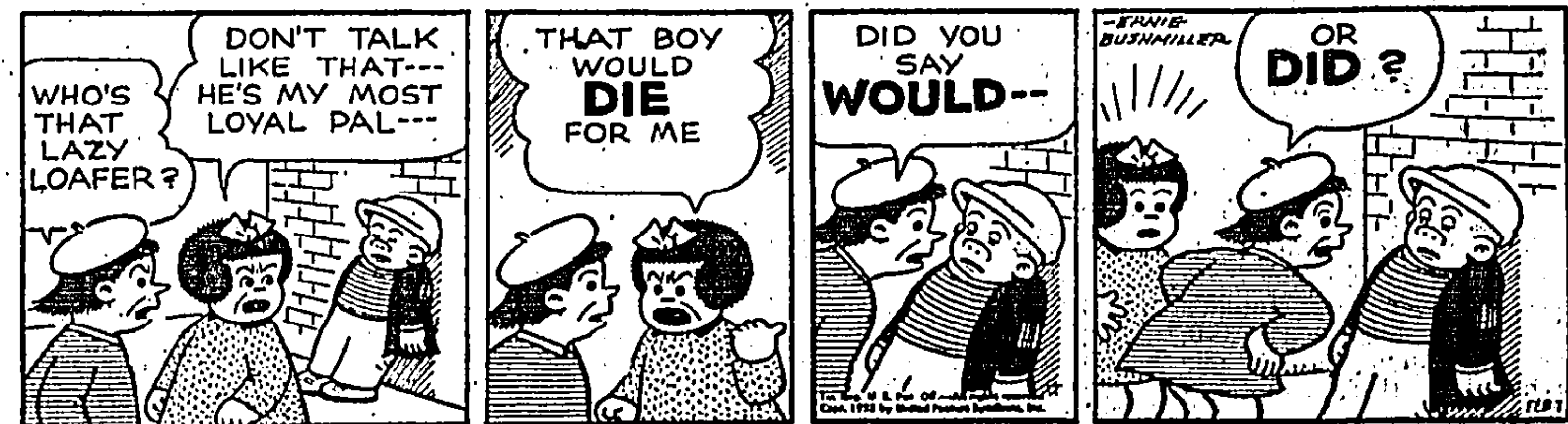
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"CORFU" 8th May 8th June

"CANTON" 6th June 6th July

Encouraging Capital Investment Schemes In Colonies

Ceylon's Rubber Exports

Colombo, Apr. 21. Rubber amounting to 89,432 tons of all grades was exported from Ceylon during the year 1952, according to statistics compiled by the Rubber Commissioner, Mr. H. Jindana.

Communist China imported the largest quantity of rubber from Ceylon, 29,691 tons, followed by the United States with 16,493 tons and the United Kingdom, 15,000 tons.

Besides all grades of rubber and coconut oil, which were the commodities hitherto shipped under the terms of the trade agreement with Red China, China has expressed a desire to purchase certain other commodities.

All trade between Ceylon and China has now come under the control of the Rubber Commissioner, who will be the sole exporter of all Ceylon produce, and no licences will be issued for exportation through commercial channels.

A Government spokesman said that the reason for all trade being under the control of the Rubber Commissioner was to establish a centralised system here, which could deal direct with the Chinese National Import and Export Corporation, the sole importer and exporter in China.

The trade agreement between Ceylon and China will definitely continue and no negotiations had been directed towards the Ministry of Trade and Commerce by the United States Government.

NO REASON
The statement was made by Mr. G. Senanayake, Minister of Trade and Commerce, when interviewed in connection with the statement of Mr. Harold Stassen, Mutual Security director, at a congressional committee meeting that the US was trying to persuade Ceylon to cancel its agreement to send rubber to China in exchange for rice.

Mr. Senanayake said that the terms of the agreement had been strictly adhered to up to date by both countries, and he saw no reason why any difficulty should arise in the future. As far as he was aware, China had honoured the contract and the belief that a breach of faith at that end would cause the collapse of trade relations was unfounded.

Mr. Senanayake added that, for his part, he would abide by the agreement and he had the necessary backing from the Government. If overtures had been made by the U.S. Government to the Ministry of Defence and External Affairs with a view to cancelling the agreement, he was not aware of any such move.

In rubber circles particular importance is attached to crepe rubber, as Ceylon's entire output of sheet rubber is being sold to China so that crepe rubber and tea are now the main dollar earners.

MOST LIKELY
When the China trade pact was announced, certain quarters expected that crepe rubber producers would switch over to sheet rubber as the more remunerative product. This, however, has presented difficulties as machinery used for sheet rubber manufacture cannot be utilised for producing crepe rubber.

The Trade Advisory Council will discuss measures to prevent the manufacturers of crepe rubber from switching over to sheet. The most likely form of relief is a reduction in the export duty.

Mr. S. T. L. de Soysa, a leading rubber shipper of Colombo, who has asked the Chamber of Commerce of Ceylon to take up the matter with the Trade Advisory Council, has pointed out that if Ceylon suspends the manufacture of crepe rubber, the United States will turn to other sources, such as Malaya and Indonesia.

(FROM AN ECONOMIC CORRESPONDENT)
An incentive to British companies to go ahead with capital investment schemes in the Colonies and other Commonwealth territories has been given in the Budget.

This incentive takes the form of important tax concessions. One, affecting companies operating in all Commonwealth territories, concerns the allowances granted for income and profits tax purposes on the cost of industrial buildings, plant and machinery, and mining works.

In 1945, when every possible encouragement was needed for companies to increase productive capacity at home and overseas, a system of "initial allowances" was introduced.

The effect of this was to enable a company to "write off" a large part of the cost of new industrial installations during the first year, thus reducing its liability for tax in that period.

This system was suspended two years ago, however, when the demand for new capital equipment had to be damped down in the interests of the rearmament programme.

From now on companies will again be permitted to claim an

U.S. WHEAT CROP PROSPECTS

New York, Apr. 21. The New York Times said that prospects appeared good for harvesting a United States wheat crop of 1,024,154,000 bushels this year.

But while the Government's estimate was for an export volume this season of 325,000,000 bushels, trade sources doubted that the forecast would be realised.

Unless there was some pick-up in foreign demand within the next few weeks, there were many in the trade who believed that exports might not reach 300,000,000 bushels.

With the refusal of Britain to go along with the proposed extension of the International Wheat Agreement, which is due to expire on July 31, the prospect for any increase in exports was not promising.

With Britain now having withdrawn from the agreement, the future of the International Wheat Agreement was very much in doubt.

Britain's action would probably mean greater competition in the export market. The exporting nations in the Commonwealth, such as Canada and Australia, were expected to get most of the United Kingdom's business.

Grain Prices In Chicago
Chicago, Apr. 21. Prices of grain futures closed today as follows:

Wheat—price per bushel.
Spot 2.10 1/2
May 2.17 1/2
July 2.21 1/2
September 2.25 1/2
December 2.30 1/2
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New York Sugar Futures
New York, Apr. 21. World No. 4 sugar futures closed today 4 to 20 points lower with sales totalling 247 contracts.

Contract No. 6 closed unchanged to 4 points lower with sales totalling 95 contracts.

Profit-taking and realising pressure found a technically unbalanced situation in the world contract after last week's rise. Traders said. Domestic futures held relatively steady in quiet and mixed dealings.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)
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Cotton Prices In New York
New York, Apr. 21. Prices of cotton futures closed today as follows:

"Cut-Throat" Fight Against Competition

Dortmund, Apr. 21. Professor Ludwig Erhard, West German Economics Minister, said today his country's export trade was engaged in a "cut-throat" fight against competition from 160 m c foreign countries.

This was due to the "partly criminal trade policy" of some States who, more or less, openly subsidised their exports, and not to their actual competitive achievements.

Dr. Erhard did not indicate the countries he had in mind.

German export prices were less favourable now than before but West Germany would adopt the policy of subsidies, he said. He would shortly meet authorities in Britain—"not to talk about a cartel but to reach a fair line in export policy."—Reuter.

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HEARINGS IN WASHINGTON ON TRADE POLICY

Washington, Apr. 21. The House Ways and Means Committee will start hearings on international trade relations tomorrow, marking the first stage of a political battle vitally important to the entire free world.

President Eisenhower's world policy speech last Thursday encouraged the advocates of a liberal trade policy, although early setbacks are possible.

The "protectionist" elements in the committee took the initiative forthrightly when they obtained the right of a hearing on the Simpson Bill which would simultaneously extend the present Reciprocal Trade Act for a year and satisfy the coal industry's demand for quota limits on imports of petroleum and fuel oil.

This has caused wide fears in international circles that the simple question of extending the Reciprocity Act, pending a new general study of foreign trade policy, as recommended to Congress by President Eisenhower, would become involved in the "log rolling" process—an exchange of sectional favours.

The primary task for the committee men of liberal trade policy, which means tolerance toward imports—will be to disentangle the policy question of extending the reciprocity programme from the coal versus oil squabble.

The latter has had tremendous advance publicity from a spokesman for both the coal and petroleum industries. The State Department will make a strong stand for the reciprocity agreements, including the Venezuelan Pact, which fixed the terms of the international oil trade.

RARE EVENT
Rarely in history has a more controversial and complicated problem confronted the Congress than the present necessity to formulate an international trade policy.

The basic reason is that the Democratic Party, which lost control of Congress in the November elections, favours low tariffs and the encouragement of imports to make possible large exports of agricultural products, especially cotton and grains.

The Republicans represent primarily industrial and manufacturing industries which have usually avowed "protection" of the home market.

Political observers believe that as the congressional battle develops, both Republicans and Democrats will break party lines on the trade policy question, with one wing of the Republican Party and the majority of Democrats supporting President Eisenhower.

PRESIDENT'S AIM
Many impartial students of the international situation and diplomatic observers regret that President Eisenhower did not find it possible in the early weeks of his Administration to present a definite long-range programme which would satisfy the aspirations of many countries for "trade not aid."

They would welcome decisive leadership by the White House in the international economic field.

However, it is generally understood that the President is trying to maintain harmony with the Congress which is always sensitive on trade questions because of sectional and State pressures.—United Press.

Share Market Dealings In Singapore
Singapore, Apr. 21. The Singapore share market experienced one of the most exciting periods in its history last week caused mainly by wide fluctuations in the price of tin.

Trade sources said the factor dominating share dealings and operators in the tin shares market were continually on the toes to take advantage of the rises and falls as they occurred.

The daily fluctuations encouraged speculators and there was greatly stepped-up buying and selling during the week. Industrials were steadier with a fair investment demand following the steadier rubber price which showed only a small decline over the previous week.

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JAPANESE BONDS
London, Apr. 21. Japanese bonds: "A" (4% of 1909) 84
"B" (4% of 1910) 72
"C" (4% of 1907) 127
"D" (4% of 1924) 403
"E" (4% of 1930) 147
Consols 60-7/10
—United Press.

NY Stock Exchange
New York, Apr. 21. Dow Jones averages at the end of the stock market session stood as follows:
30 Industrials 274.48
20 rails 103.68
10 utilities 51.77
40 bonds 90.20
—United Press.

Exchange Rates
Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:
U.S. dollar (per \$1) 1.50
Sterling (per £1) 1.50
Indian Rupee (per 100) 20.40
Siam Baht (per 100) 25.20
Singapore (Straits) 1.50
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 1953.

Sheaffer's
"SNORKEL"

JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Literary Life

GORDON came to London to work on a newspaper. Like many who come for that reason, he secretly regarded the job as a means to an end, a bread-and-butter occupation to keep him until he was recognised for what he believed himself—a writer of great literary significance.

Gordon to himself appeared as a kind of compound of Maugham and de Maupassant, Joyce and D. H. Lawrence, Bennett, Wells, Woolf, Greene, with a touch of Shakespeare added that set him above the rest. He found it irksome being a newspaperman, and after a few months he quit.

He had no money, but that seemed at first no great disadvantage, for the gaudy life of a true artist appealed to him. Unfortunately, high rents, and Gordon was obliged to live in a succession of drab lodgings.

UNPUBLISHABLE
HE still had to eat, however, and to do this he depended for a time upon the good nature and hospitality of his friends. When these sources were exhausted, he did odd jobs of casual manual labour, mostly in Soho cafes.

But work interfered with his writing. He was already embarking upon his first major project which, if it is ever published, will be interesting typographically, since every other word in it is unprintable, and a great variety of asterisks, dashes and exclamations will have to be devised to take their place.

As his writing would not allow him to work, Gordon decided to keep himself by mildly indulging in crime. Stealing from shops, he decided, should provide him with his bread-and-butter.

He was not a success as a shop-lifter. At his first attempt he was caught, and ordered to pay a £10 fine or go to prison.

HE STOLE BOOK
THREE months later, last September, Gordon was arrested again, and this time fined a total of £12 for being a suspected person loitering in a shop.

He did not pay either of these fines, and presently two committal warrants were out against him. He was not found until the other day, when a store-decree in a West End book-shop sent him scuttling, heavily, to the police.

"It's quite true," said Gordon, when he was challenged in the street. "I stole it. I was going to sell it. No, I'm not in the least interested in physics."

THE MANUSCRIPT
HE pleaded guilty to the theft at Great Marlborough Street, next morning, and a policeman told the story to Mr Paul Bennett, VC. "He's been doing odd jobs such as washing-up, from time to time," said the officer, "and though he tells me he's written things, he can't show me anything he's put before the Press. He says he wrote this..." and he handed towards the bench Gordon's unprintable manuscript. Mr Bennett, assuming for a moment the role of literary critic, read the first few lines. "But no one would ever publish this," he said. "I don't think so," the officer replied.

CASUAL JOBS
GORDON, a tall, good-looking 24-year-old, winced at the verdict, but had nothing to say either in his own defence or that of his masterpiece. He was reminded so that Mr Morgan, the probation officer, might talk to him and doctors make a report.

The doctors reported there was nothing wrong with Gordon. Mr Morgan, when the young writer told his next appearance, said Gordon refused to contact his parents or to go back to his home.

"He has done no proper work since he left the newspaper 18 months ago," said the probation officer. "That's not true. I've had plenty of casual jobs," said Gordon.

Released Civilians In Good Condition

Berlin, Apr. 21.
Six Britons and an Irishman, released from North Korea, said on arrival here today they were all feeling grand and happy to be on their way home to Britain.

They were Captain Vyvan Holt, former British Minister at Seoul, Mr George Blake, Vice-Consul; Mr Norman Owen, Pro-consul; Lieutenant-Commissioner Herbert Lord of the Salvation Army; Bishop Cooper of the Church of England; Mr Philip Deane, correspondent of the Observer, and Monsignor Thomas Quinlan, of St Columban's Mission.

All were wearing crudely cut suits and peaked caps of a coarse khaki-coloured material, shapeless canvas shoes and blue cotton shirts all provided by the North Koreans.

They were brought here from Moscow in a four-engined Royal Air Force Hastings. It landed on Gatow airfield, in the British sector of Berlin, at 4.44 p.m., local time.

The pipe and drum band of the Royal Scots Fusiliers struck up as Major-General C. F. C. Coleman, British Commandant in Berlin, climbed into the plane to welcome the six Britons.

A minute later Captain Holt, smiling and smiling, came out followed by the others.

NO COMPLAINTS
In answer to reporters' questions, Captain Holt said they had no complaints about their treatment at the hands of the North Koreans.

"They gave us all they had and they did not have much themselves," Monsignor Quinlan said.

"And the Russians gave us bags of vodka," Captain Holt added.

Asked if during their internment of nearly three years any attempt had been made to indoctrinate them with Communism, bearded Norman Owen said: "We had to listen to lectures on Communism. But no force, threats or coercion had been used."

Commissioner Lord said in answer to reporters' questions that after they had crossed the Chinese frontier on their way home on April 8, they had been "fed like kings."

He is staying on Gatow airfield tonight as guests of the R.A.F. It will fly to England on Wednesday, but the exact time of arrival and the destination are not yet known.

The party crossed the Soviet Union from East to West on the Trans-Siberian express. The seven men had been interned in a farm house near the Yalu river since the summer of 1950. The Soviet Union, at Britain's request, used her good offices to secure their release.—Reuters.

Opposed To A
Cease-Fire

Pusan, Apr. 22.
The South Korean National Assembly yesterday afternoon passed a resolution calling for a nationwide campaign against a cease-fire in Korea.

The resolution, according to the South Korean Office of Public Information, said: "The Assembly should return to the Korean peninsula to lead the campaign throughout the country."

The move followed a series of official protests and "spontaneous demonstrations" against a truce in the Korean war. President Syngman Rhee has said South Korea would fight on alone if necessary.—Reuters.

Strike Settled

Tokyo, Apr. 22.
The 27-day-old dispute between labour and management of Showa Denko, probably the largest chemical fertilizer producer in Japan, was settled last night, it was learned today.

ROYAL PARTY IN A GONDOLA



Widespread Search For Missing Persian Police Chief

Teheran, Apr. 21.
The full resources of all Iran's security forces were thrown today into an intensive search for one of their top bosses, the chief of the National Police, Brigadier General Mahmood Afshartus, who vanished without a trace last night in the heart of Teheran.

Radio Teheran announced a reward of 500,000 Rials (about \$15,000 at the official rate) is being offered by the Chief of Staff.

The reward money will be collected by officers and men of the Tehran Army Division, except those in the electrical department, are striking in protest against the dismissal of several former employees, and in support of demands for higher pay. They have threatened to destroy the factory if they are forced out.

Mounting tension in the town, together with several demonstrations, prompted the imposition of martial law.—Associated Press.

NO TRACE FOUND
The entire neighbourhood where Afshartus was last seen was tightly cordoned today while police and troops made a house-to-house search. A reliable source said several arrests of suspicious persons were made but no trace of the missing General was uncovered.

The police chief's secretary reported he came to the office last night later than usual. Among the mail awaiting him was one letter which obviously greatly disturbed Afshartus. Without examining the other letters he ordered a car about an hour later and drove to the neighbourhood near the Majlis building and there dismissed the driver, instructing him to wait at the nearby district police station.

The driver waited until the early hours of this morning and then reported the chief's mysterious disappearance.

Foreign Minister Fatemi told a news conference Afshartus left a gun which he habitually carried in his car.

Afshartus is a key man in the Mossadegh security forces control, having been named to the job about five months ago. It was he who directed the arrests of Army Officers, both active and retired, newspaper editors and others after Mossadegh's narrow escape in late February 28 riots.

MADE ENEMIES
He also reportedly made a number of enemies as Secretary of the Commission which named Army officers for retirement under Mossadegh's ordered Army shakeup.

The police chief was not only one of the Premier's most trusted aides but also related to Mossadegh by marriage. Fatemi said it has been established that Afshartus went to his own villa and offered no explanation of his disappearance.

The immediate conjecture in many quarters was that Afshartus was taken by a group of Mossadegh's opponents, but there were no indications of brutality and massacre.

Martial law was declared on Tuesday in the West Iranian city of Kermanshah, where Communist forces were reported to have been active.—United Press.

Cotton Dispute: Counsel Continues Submissions

Counsel for the Defence who began his closing address on Monday continued his submissions at the resumed hearing of a claim and counter-claim for alleged breach of contract in respect of Indian raw cotton before the Paine Judge, Mr Justice T. J. Gould in the Supreme Court this morning.

The plaintiff is Keki Edulji Mogra, merchant, trading as the Eastern Overseas Company and the Sun Hing Trading Company, formerly of Indian Building. He is represented by the Hon. Leo d'Almada, QC, and Mr D. A. L. Wright, both instructed by Mr M. A. da Silva.

PLAINTIFF'S CLAIMS
Plaintiff's statement of claim alleges that by reason of defendant's failure to deliver 700 bales Jarila quality Indian raw cotton and 500 bales 4F new quality Indian raw cotton, or any part thereof, plaintiff suffered a loss of \$178,923, being difference between the contract and market prices. He further claims return of a deposit of \$25,000 allegedly made to defendant in respect of the latter contract.

DEFENDANT'S CLAIMS
Plaintiff's statement of defence alleges that the contract was a nullity and that the plaintiff's claim for return of deposit was barred by the Limitation Act. He further claims that the plaintiff's claim for damages was barred by the Limitation Act.

Princess Bernhard of the Netherlands (right), and two of his daughters, Princess Beatrix (left) and Princess Irene (second from left), go sight-seeing in a gondola during their visit to Venice.—London Express.

RUMANIAN OILFIELDS DRYING UP

Vienna, Apr. 21.
A Rumanian refugee publication, purported to have good contacts in Communist-controlled Rumania, claims that many formerly rich oil fields in that country are now exhausted due to excessive exploitation but new areas are being opened up to fill the gap.

"The Rumanian Nation", organ of the Council of Rumanian Political Parties, an exile group, said in an extensive review on old and new Rumanian petroleum areas: "The area of Floresti is still the one which produces most. But a steady drop in output is noted due to the exhaustion of deposits caused by an excessive exploitation. Thus the Moenesti field, which was one of the most prosperous areas before the war, is on the verge of being abandoned. But out of 10 newly installed wells, nine yield only salt water, and for the well yielding oil it was computed that the cost of drilling is three times higher than the value of output."

1952 DISCOVERY
However, it said that oil was discovered for the first time in 1952 in the Cobia area where an average of 30 wells is put in operation each month.

In addition to Cobia and Sutea, also rich in oil, the chief oil fields were listed as Padureni, Gaceni and Valea Caselor.

"Near the latter there are about 300 wells," said the publication. "To realise the density of wells in this area, it is enough to mention that these are located at a maximum distance of 200 metres and a minimum of 80 metres."

"Another area under exploitation is that stretching from Targoviste to Pitesti, including Gaceni. Formerly there was only forest in this area, all of which has been cut."

Discussing new oil areas "with a future," the publication said the Rumanian Communist regime had placed great hopes in areas of Moldavia and Ottenia. Important deposits were believed to exist near Moldavia, it said.—United Press.

Radio Hongkong

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Time Signal and Programme Summary: 6.02, Echoes from the Theatre; 6.15, News; 6.30, Concert by the Royal Philharmonic; 6.45, News; 7.00, Drummond; 7.15, Concert by the Royal Philharmonic; 7.30, News; 7.45, Concert by the Royal Philharmonic; 8.00, News; 8.15, Concert by the Royal Philharmonic; 8.30, News; 8.45, Concert by the Royal Philharmonic; 9.00, News; 9.15, Concert by the Royal Philharmonic; 9.30, News; 9.45, Concert by the Royal Philharmonic; 10.00, News; 10.15, Concert by the Royal Philharmonic; 10.30, News; 10.45, Concert by the Royal Philharmonic; 11.00, News; 11.15, Concert by the Royal Philharmonic; 11.30, News; 11.45, Concert by the Royal Philharmonic; 12.00, News; 12.15, Concert by the Royal Philharmonic; 12.30, News; 12.45, Concert by the Royal Philharmonic; 1.00, News; 1.15, Concert by the Royal Philharmonic; 1.30, News; 1.45, Concert by the Royal Philharmonic; 2.00, News; 2.15, Concert by the Royal Philharmonic; 2.30, News; 2.45, Concert by the Royal Philharmonic; 3.00, News; 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